YONEDA KAZUSA'S COMMENT

ヒーロー好きですが、
休日の朝起きるのは苦手。
こんな私ですが気合入れて
「萌えカッコいい」を目指して描いてます。

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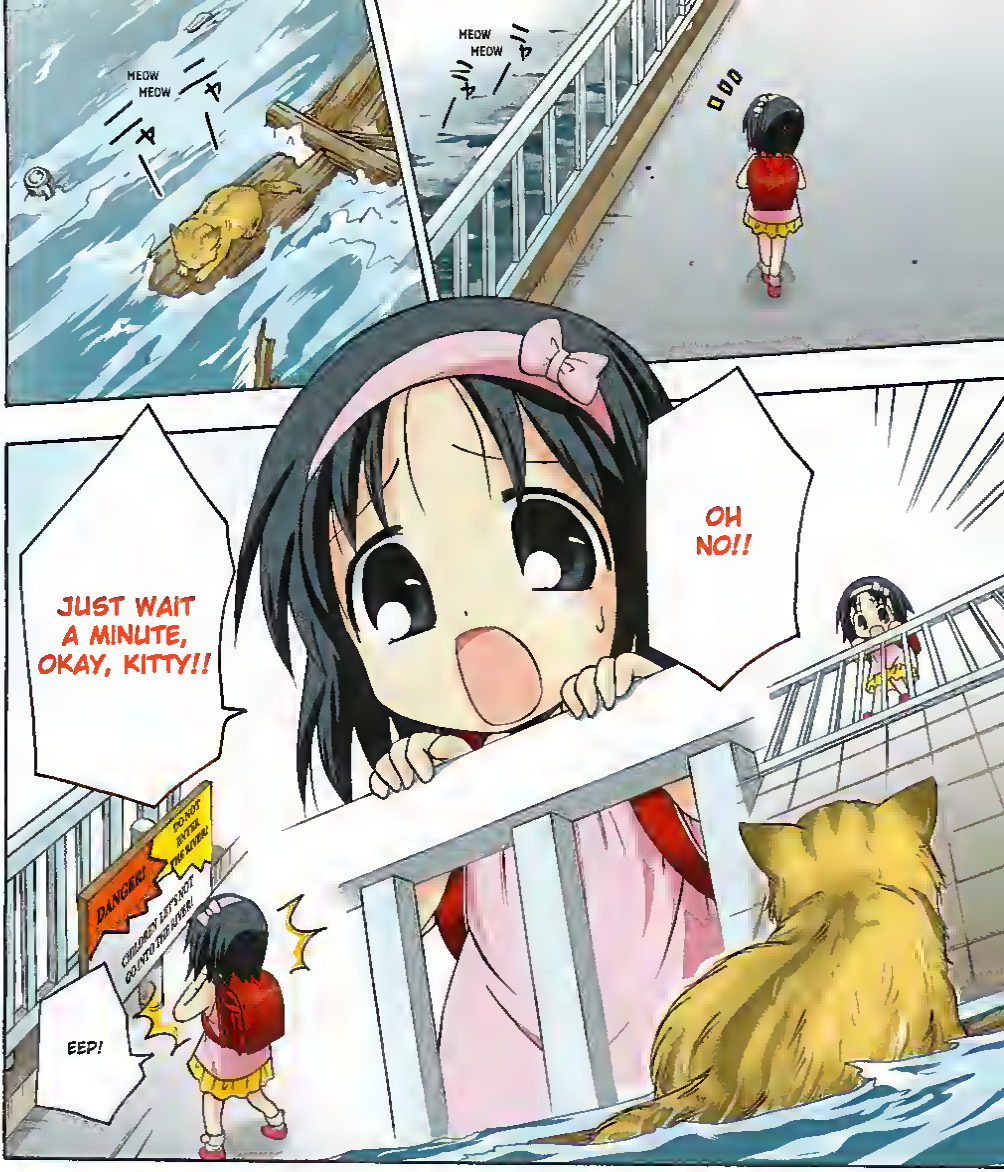
MEOW
MEOW
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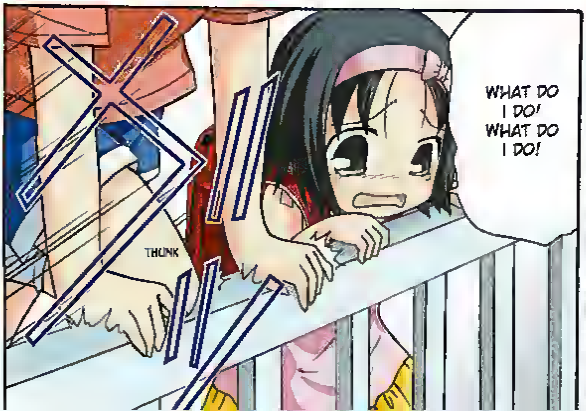
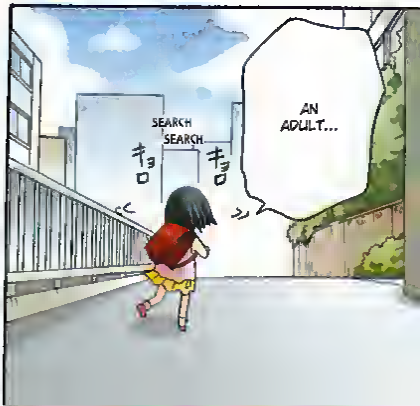
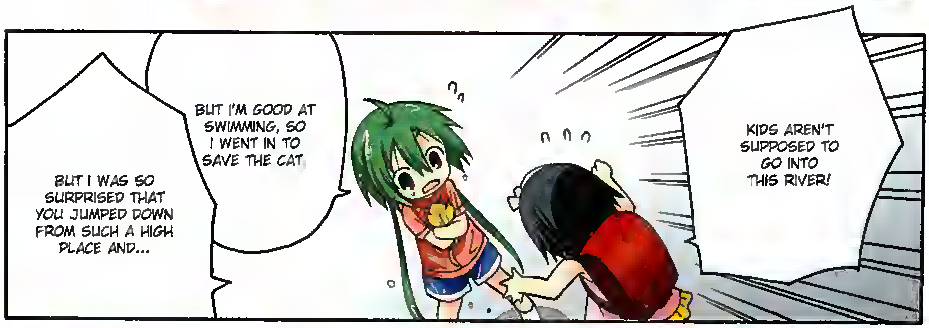
OH NO!!
JUST WAIT A MINUTE, OKAY, KITTY!!
DANGER!
DO NOT ENTER THE RIVER!
CHILDREN, LET'S NOT GO INTO THE RIVER!
EEP!

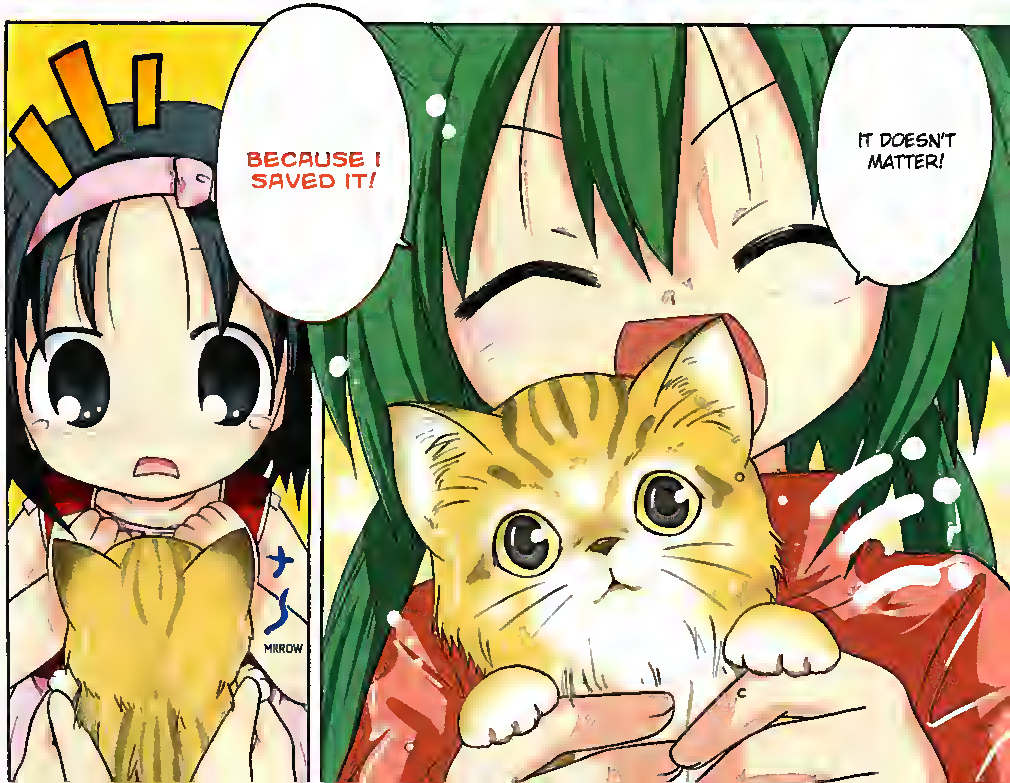

WHAT DO I DO! WHAT DO I DO!
THUNK


AN ADULT...
SEARCH
SEARCH

EIKO-CHAN!!
SPLOOSH
IT'S ALL OKAY NOW!
SPLASH

ARE YOU OKAY, EIKO-CHAN?!
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?!
HYA

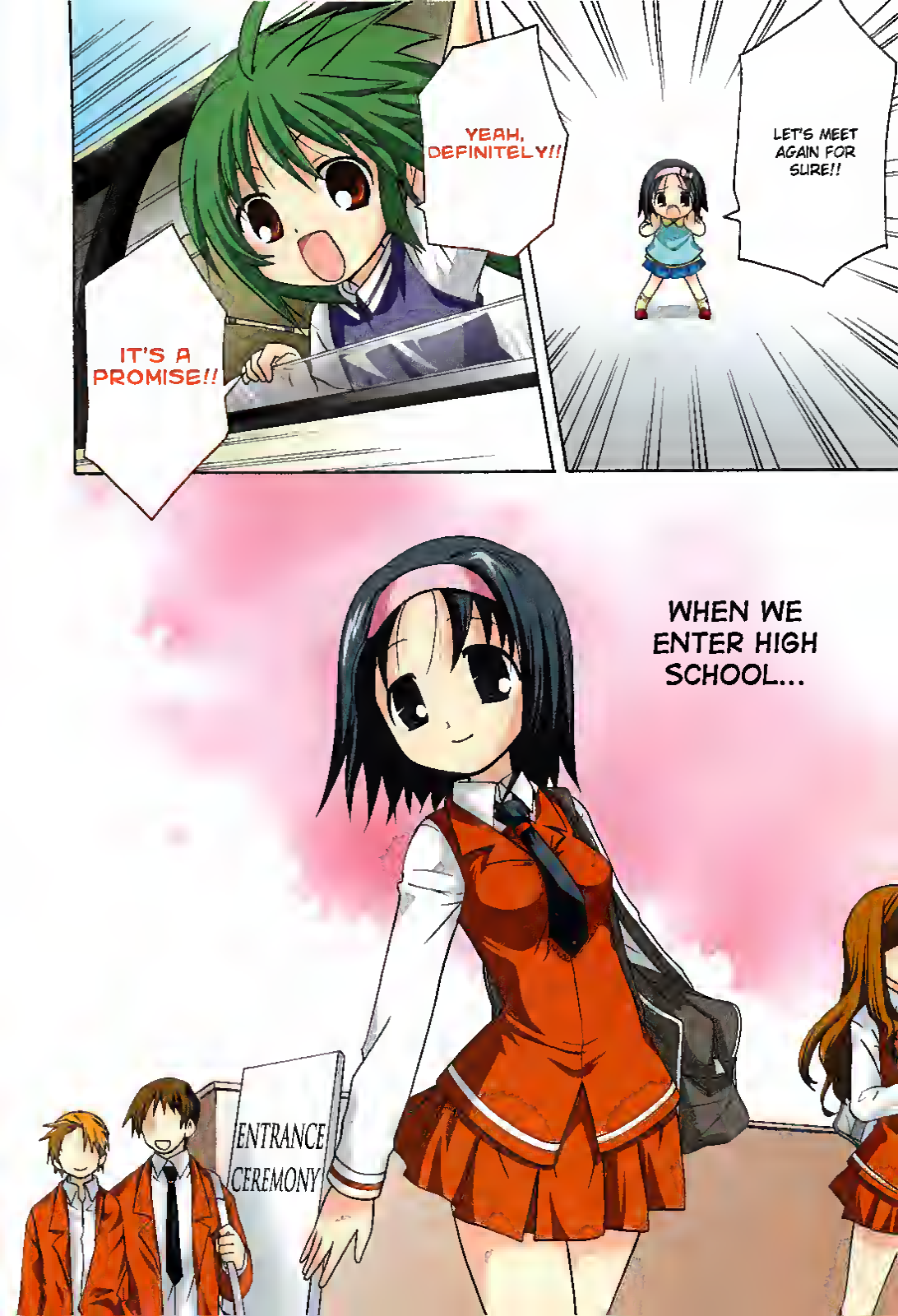

KIDS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO GO INTO THIS RIVER!
BUT I'M GOOD AT SWIMMING, SO I WENT IN TO SAVE THE CAT.
BUT I WAS SO SURPRISED THAT YOU JUMPED DOWN FROM SUCH A HIGH PLACE AND...


IT DOESN'T MATTER!
BECAUSE I SAVED IT!
NYA
MRROW

AH!
HOP
YOU REALLY LOVE HEROES, DON'T YOU, EIKO-CHAN?
OF COURSE! BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BE A HERO WHEN I GROW UP! ♪
...YOU'RE AMAZING, EIKO-CHAN...
I'M SOAKED...
YOU MIGHT CATCH A COLD IF YOU STAY LIKE THAT!
MY HOUSE IS NEARBY, SO I'LL LEND YOU SOME CLOTHES!
RUSTLE
ぽーい
STRIP
HURRY UP AND PUT THAT ON AND COME BACK TO MY HOUSE!!
I'LL JUST TAKE IT ALL OFF BEFORE I GO HOME!
DON'T DO THAAAAT!!
GIGGLE GIGGLE

YOU CAN RETURN THEM WHENEVER YOU WANT, SINCE WE SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY.
THANKS FOR THE CLOTHES! I'LL MAKE SURE TO RETURN THEM TO YOU TOMORROW.
NO... I'LL RETURN THEM TOMORROW...
BECAUSE I'M...
MOVING FAR AWAY...

D... DON'T CRY SO MUCH, HARUKA
BUT... BUT WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER EVER SINCE KINDERGARTEN...
えぐ
SOB
えぐ
WE'LL ONLY BE APART FOR A SHORT TIME!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN!
ぐしっ
SNIFFLE
BECAUSE WE PROMISED THAT WHEN WE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, WE'D BECOME HEROES AND DEFEAT EVIL TOGETHER, RIGHT?
...RIGHT.


IT'S A PROMISE!!
YEAH, DEFINITELY!!
LET'S MEET AGAIN FOR SURE!!
WHEN WE ENTER HIGH SCHOOL...
ENTRANCE CEREMONY

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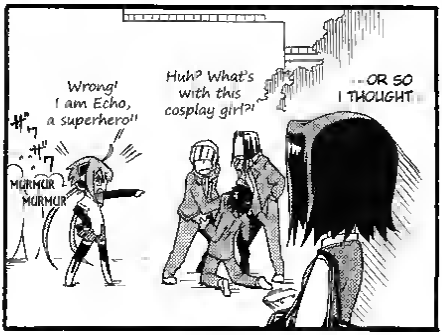
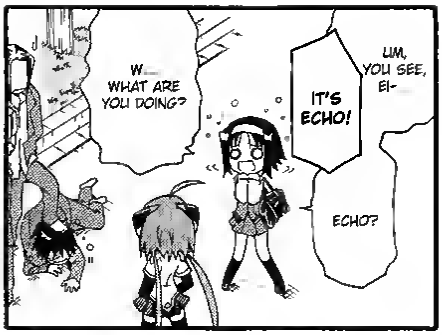
THE SUPERHERO ECHO WILL NOT PERMIT YOU TO BULLY THE WEAK!!
STOP RIGHT THERE VILLIANS!
BOOOOM

EIKO-CHAN AND I PLAYED AT BEING HEROES
WHEN WE WERE YOUNG GIRLS


Wrong! I am Echo, a superhero!!
MURMUR MURMUR
Huh? What's with this cosplay girl?!
...OR SO I THOUGHT

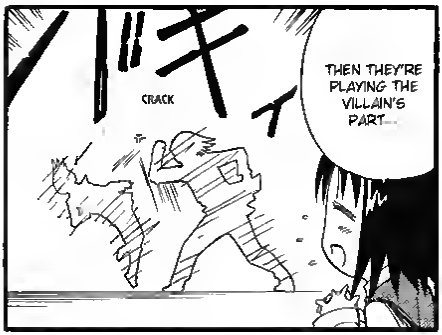
AND THAT GIRL, THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN FOR A LONG TIME HAS ALSO GRADUATED FROM PLAYING HEROES
BUT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, I BECAME A HIGH-SCHOOLER


W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
UM, YOU SEE, EI-
IT'S ECHO!
ECHO?

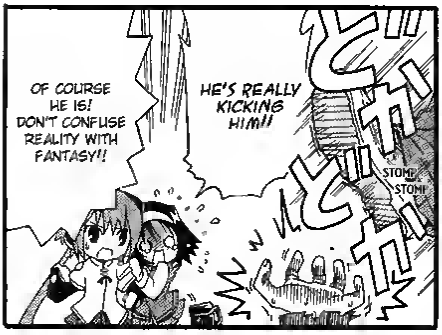
PLEASE STAND BACK, ORDINARY CITIZEN!!
HAM
E... EIKO-CHAN?

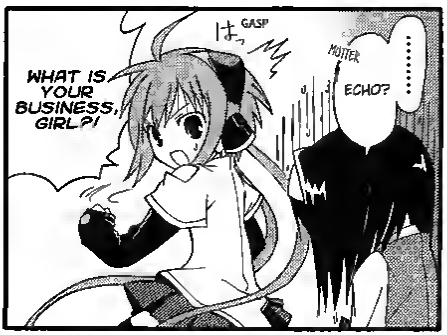
I GET IT!
IT'S A SHOW, ISN'T IT? IS THIS YOUR CLUB?
EXTER-MINATING THE BAD GUYS!!

WHOOSH
YOU'RE EIKO-CHAN, AREN'T YOU?
THIS IS DANGEROUS!!


CRACK
THEN THEY'RE PLAYING THE VILLAIN'S PART...

EIKO-CHAN!!
GRR


OF COURSE HE IS! DON'T CONFUSE REALITY WITH FANTASY!!
HE'S REALLY KICKING HIM!!
STOMP STOMP


WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS, GIRL?!
GASP
MUTTER
ECHO?

THAT WAS JUST A POWER MEANT FOR PEOPLE OF VIRTUE.
YOU'RE A BAD GIRL, AREN'T YOU?
WHAAA ?!!
GIRL . I AM A HERO
STOMP STOMP
THIS IS DANGEROUS! LET'S RUN AWAY!!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CONFIDENT IN YOURSELF ..?
MY TRUE SUPERPOWERS ARE FOR WHEN I'M FACING OFF AGAINST THE BAD GUYS
SUPER-POWERS?!
DEFEATING EVIL WITH MY SUPERPOWERS IS WHAT I DO!!
IF YOU DISPLAY YOUR COURAGE, YOU WILL DRAW POWERS FROM THE HEAVXXLY SAINTS!
YOUR WEAPON IS COURAGE!
SO HER MOTHER IS THE SAME WAY!
THAT'S WHAT MOTHER SAID
So that's the cause
THAT'S NOT A SUPER-POWER.
POOF
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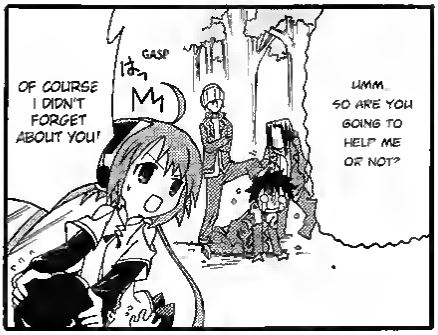
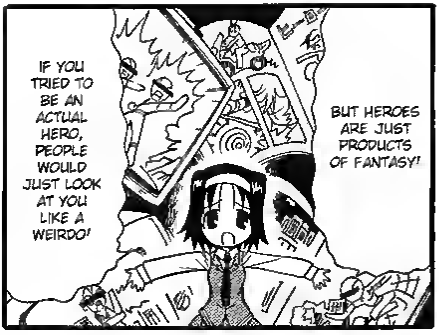
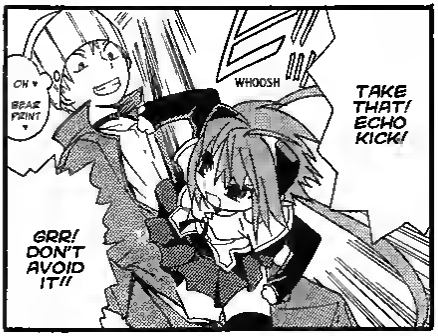
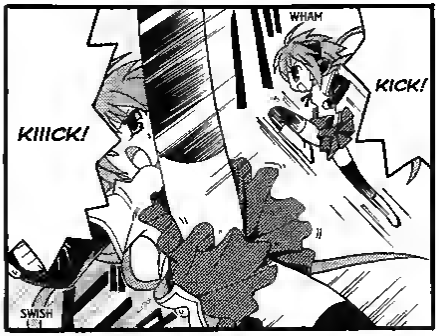
TL note: Eiko is referring to the series Mahou Sentai Magiranger and a character in the series called Magi Mother


GASP
OF COURSE I DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT YOU!
UMM, SO ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME OR NOT?


IF YOU TRIED TO BE AN ACTUAL HERO, PEOPLE WOULD JUST LOOK AT YOU LIKE A WEIRDO!
BUT HEROES ARE JUST PRODUCTS OF FANTASY!

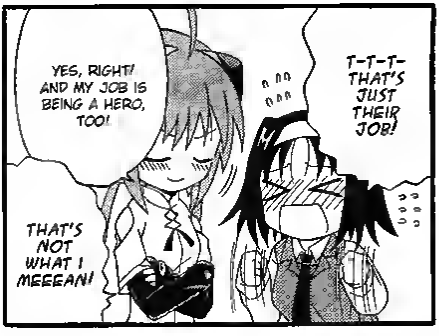

ON ♥ BEAR PRINT ♥
WHOOSH
TAKE THAT! ECHO KICK!
GRR! DON'T AVOID IT!!

THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL, THOUGH?
SO THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD STOP DOING THIS!


WHAM
KICK!
KIIICK!
SWISH

See us at the shopping district!
LOCAL HEROES
HERO SHO
THEY'RE NOT TREATED AS WEIRDOS AT ALL!!

PANT PANT
HEROES DON'T CARE ABOUT SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL!!
STOP, ECHO! THEY CAN SEE YOUR PANTIES!!
CARE ABOUT IT!!


YES, RIGHT! AND MY JOB IS BEING A HERO, TOO!
T-T-T-THAT'S JUST THEIR JOB!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEEEAN!

WAAAH
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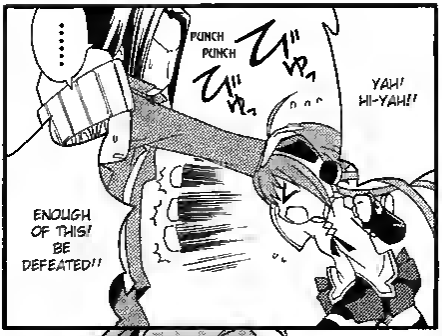
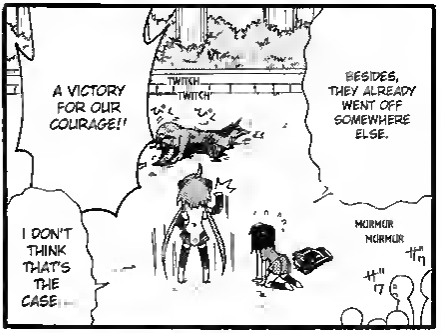
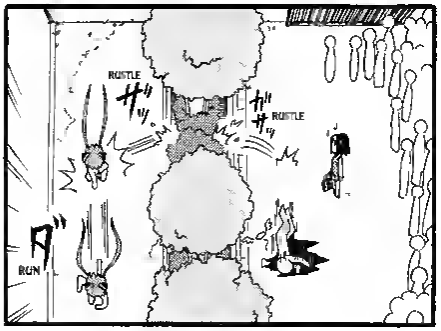
NOOO! DON'T GET ME INVOLVED IN THIS!
LET US DISPLAY OUR COURAGE TOGETHER!!

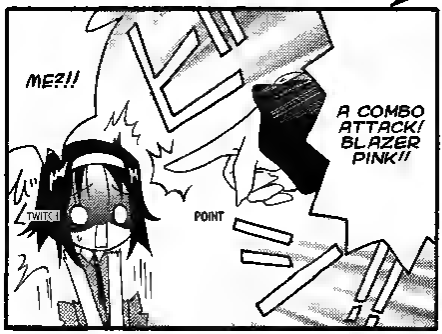

PUNCH PUNCH
YAH! HI-YAH!!
ENOUGH OF THIS! BE DEFEATED!!

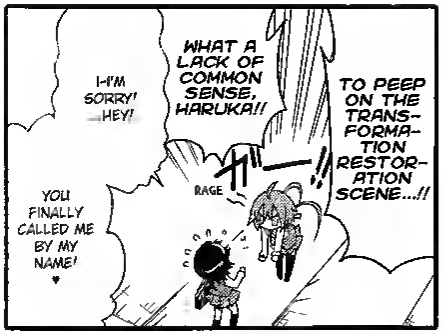

A VICTORY FOR OUR COURAGE!!
TWITCH TWITCH
BESIDES, THEY ALREADY WENT OFF SOMEWHERE ELSE.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE...
MURMUR MURMUR

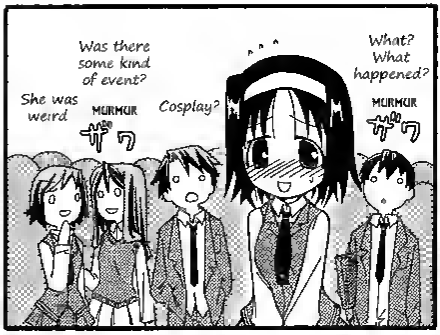
MY ENEMIES ARE STRONGER THAN I ANTICIPATED
PANT PANT
IT'S TIME FOR MY TRUMP CARD!!
WHOOSH

FARE-WELL!
JUMP
IN TIMES WHEN JUSTICE IS NECESSARY, FACE THE MOON AT DAWN AND SAY THE MAGIC WORDS!

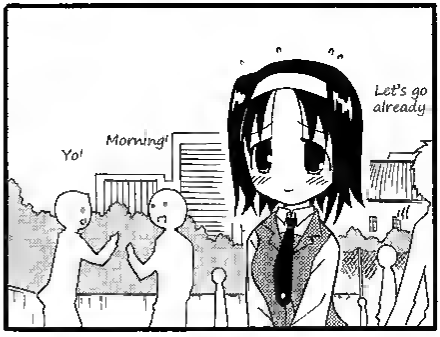

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUN

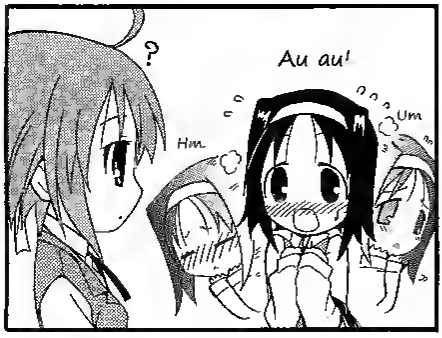

ME?!!
A COMBO ATTACK! BLAZER PINK!!
TWITCH
POINT


I-I'M SORRY! HEY!
WHAT A LACK OF COMMON SENSE, HARUKA!!
TO PEEP ON THE TRANS-FORMA-TION RESTOR-ATION SCENE...!!
RAGE
YOU FINALLY CALLED ME BY MY NAME! ♥


Was there some kind of event?
What? What happened?
She was weird
MURMUR
Cosplay?
MURMUR

HM?
YOU REALLY ARE MY FRIEND E...


Let's go already
Morning!
Yo!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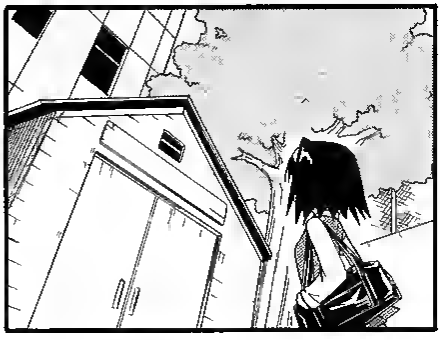
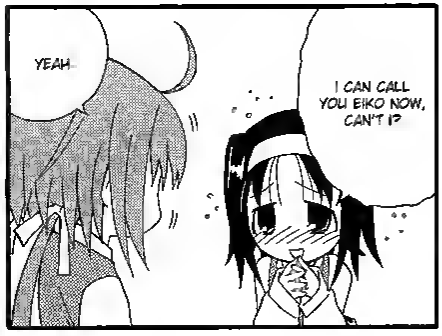
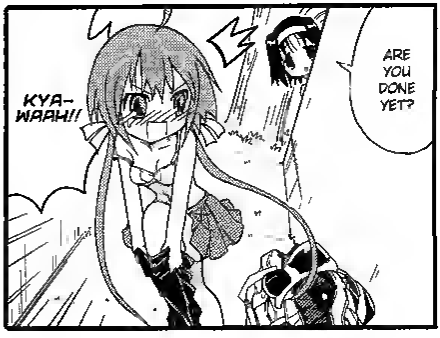
Au au!
Um
Hm

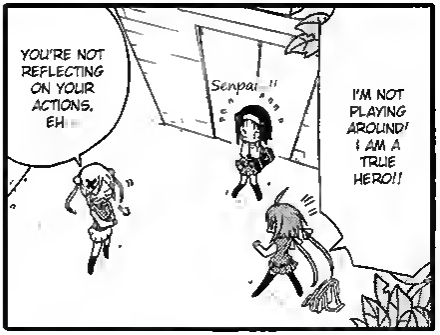



YEAH
I CAN CALL YOU EIKO NOW, CAN'T I?

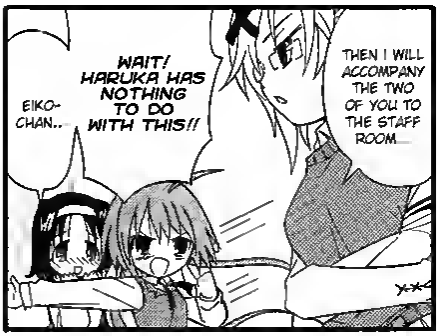

KYA-WAAH!!
ARE YOU DONE YET?

I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, KAMIKAZE SHIORI
THAT TYPE OF HERO PLAY YOU WERE DOING IS FORBIDDEN ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

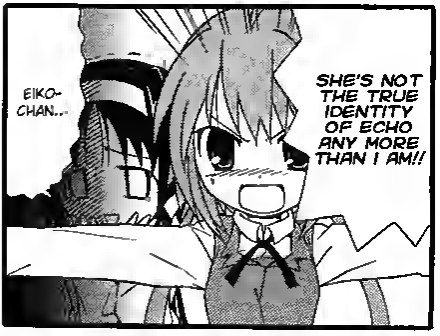
EIKO-CHAN, YOU'RE STILL PLAYING HEROES EVEN NOW...
SLIDE
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT?


I'M NOT PLAYING AROUND! I AM A TRUE HERO!!
Senpai!!
YOU'RE NOT REFLECTING ON YOUR ACTIONS, EH

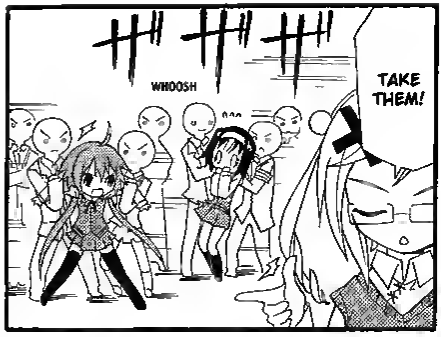
ALL THAT COMMOTION EARLIER...
WAS YOUR DOING, WASN'T IT?
YOU!
DO YOU KNOW HER?


THEN I WILL ACCOMPANY THE TWO OF YOU TO THE STAFF ROOM.
WAIT! HARUKA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!
EIKO-CHAN..

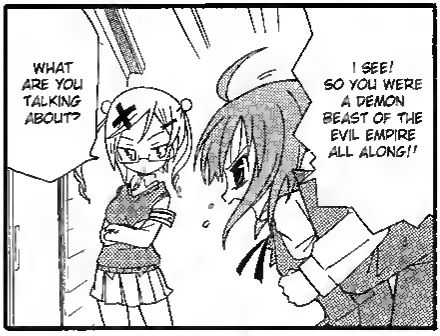
MY FUTURE COMRADE, BLAZER YELLO-
ZOOM
?
MMPH!

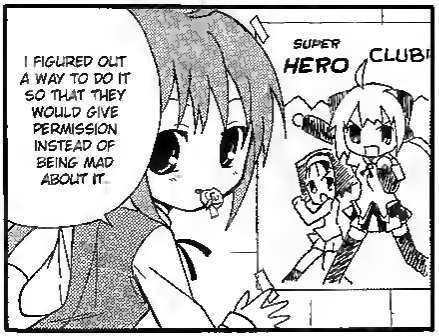

SHE'S NOT THE TRUE IDENTITY OF ECHO ANY MORE THAN I AM!!
EIKO-CHAN...

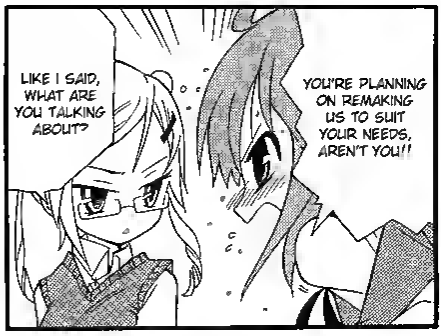
Sigh...
THE NEXT DAY
YESTERDAY WAS SUCH A TERRIBLE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL...

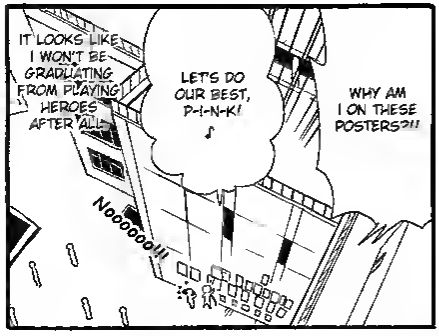

WHOOSH
TAKE THEM!

COVER
STICK
STICK
BUT IF THEY GOT MAD OVER JUST THAT, THEN MAYBE TODAY EIKO-CHAN WILL CALM DOWN AND...
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
!?


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I SEE! SO YOU WERE A DEMON BEAST OF THE EVIL EMPIRE ALL ALONG!!


I FIGURED OUT A WAY TO DO IT SO THAT THEY WOULD GIVE PERMISSION INSTEAD OF BEING MAD ABOUT IT...
SUPER HERO CLUB!


LIKE I SAID, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE PLANNING ON REMAKING US TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS, AREN'T YOU!!


IT LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE GRADUATING FROM PLAYING HEROES AFTER ALL...
LET'S DO OUR BEST, P-I-N-K!
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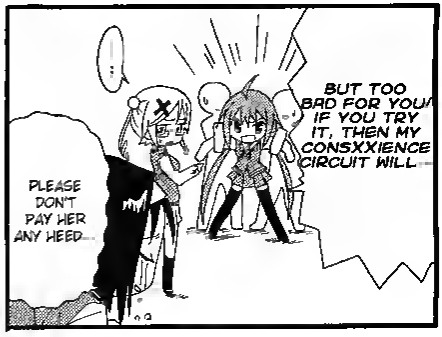
WHY AM I ON THESE POSTERS?!!
Noooooo!!


PLEASE DON'T PAY HER ANY HEED...
BUT TOO BAD FOR YOU! IF YOU TRY IT, THEN MY CONSXXIENCE CIRCUIT WILL...

PUMP
JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL!
EIKO-CHAN, MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHOM I HADN'T SEEN IN A LONG TIME, HAS BECOME A GIRL WHO THINKS OF HERSELF AS A HERO

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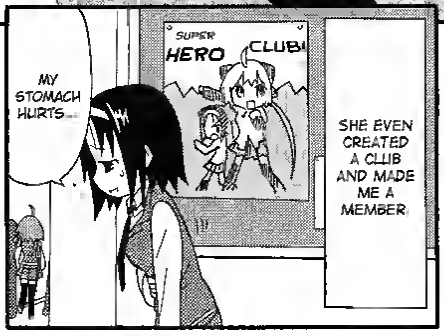
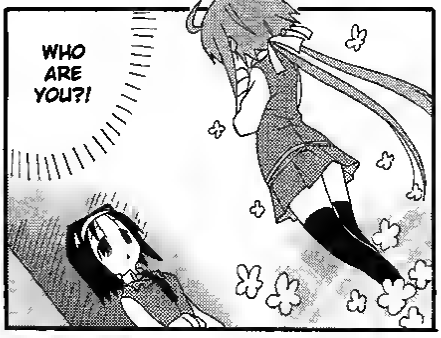
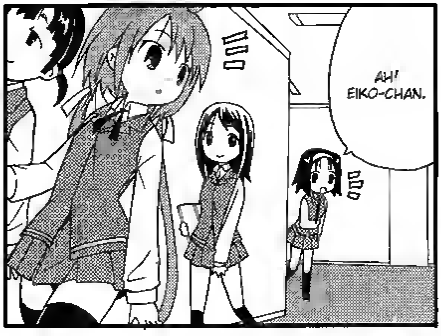
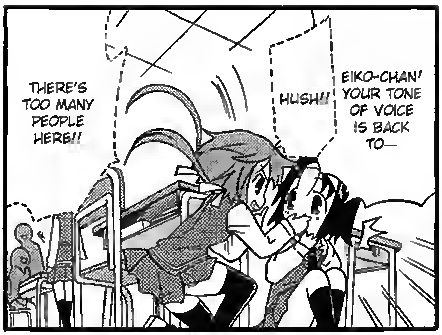
MY, HARUKA. GOOD DAY TO YOU

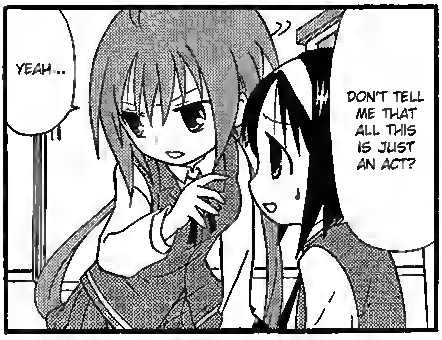

MY STOMACH HURTS...
SUPER HERO CLUB!
SHE EVEN CREATED A CLUB AND MADE ME A MEMBER.

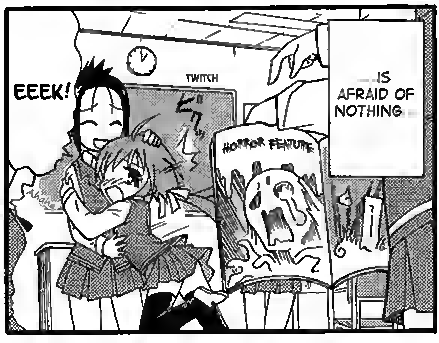

WHO ARE YOU?!

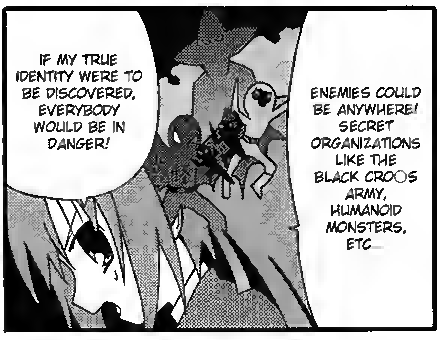

AH! EIKO-CHAN.

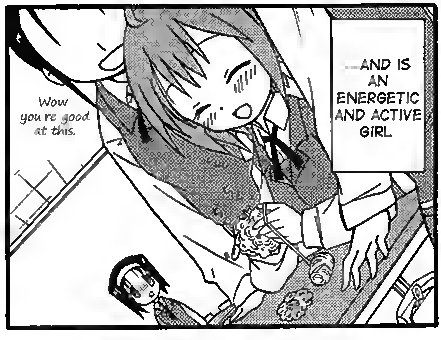

THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE!!
HUSH!!
EIKO-CHAN! YOUR TONE OF VOICE IS BACK TO—

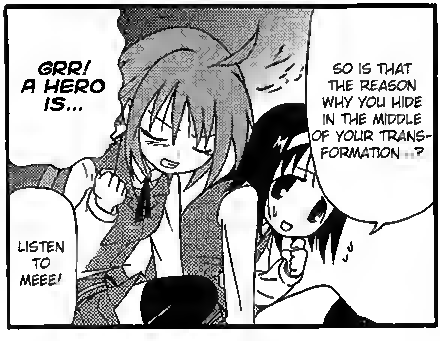
CUUU UUTE!
♥
Ahaha!
MEW
EIKO-CHAN TALKS WITH A MANLY TONE...


YEAH...
DON'T TELL ME THAT ALL THIS IS JUST AN ACT?

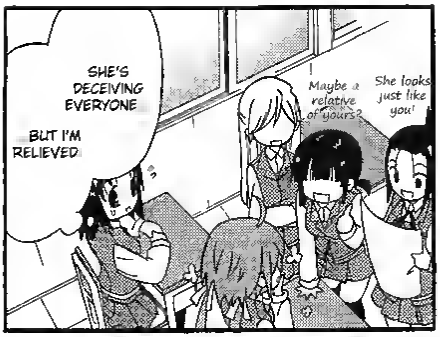

EEEK!
TWITCH
HORROR FEATURE
...IS AFRAID OF NOTHING...

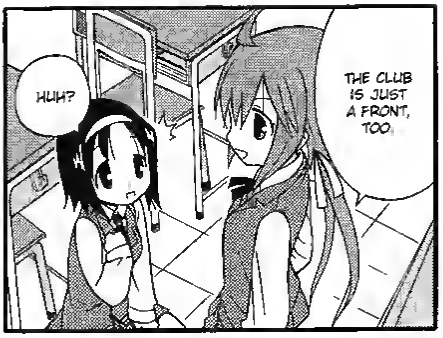

IF MY TRUE IDENTITY WERE TO BE DISCOVERED, EVERYBODY WOULD BE IN DANGER!
ENEMIES COULD BE ANYWHERE! SECRET ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE BLACK CROOS ARMY, HUMANOID MONSTERS, ETC...


Wow you're good at this.
...AND IS AN ENERGETIC AND ACTIVE GIRL

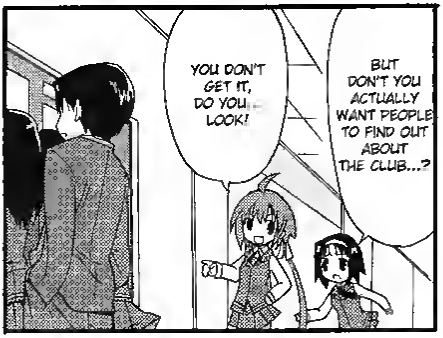

GRR! A HERO IS...
LISTEN TO MEEE!
SO IS THAT THE REASON WHY YOU HIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR TRANS-FORMATION...?

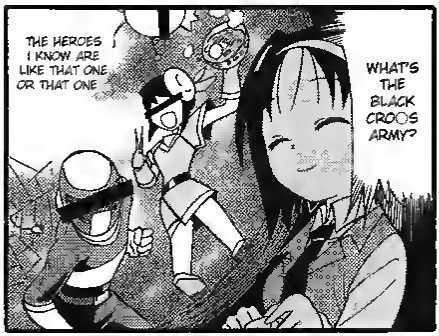
AT THIS AGE? THAT'S A PROBLEM
Awawawa!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO... I'M LOSING FAITH IN MY MEMORY...

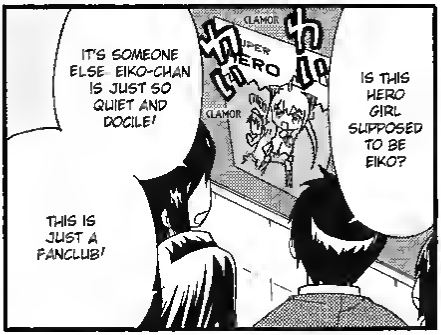

SHE'S DECEIVING EVERYONE
BUT I'M RELIEVED
Maybe a relative of yours?
She looks just like you!

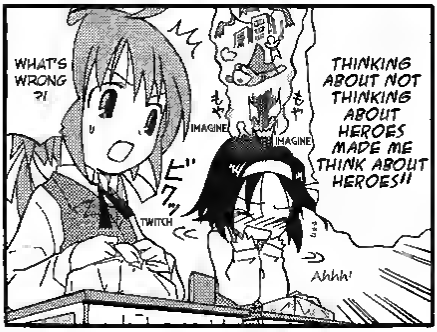

HUH?
THE CLUB IS JUST A FRONT, TOO

I'm gonna go buy some bread
THAT MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT STUFF LIKE HEROES CONTINUALLY!
WELL, THEN...


YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU... LOOK!
BUT DON'T YOU ACTUALLY WANT PEOPLE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CLUB...?


THE HEROES I KNOW ARE LIKE THAT ONE OR THAT ONE
WHAT'S THE BLACK CROOS ARMY?

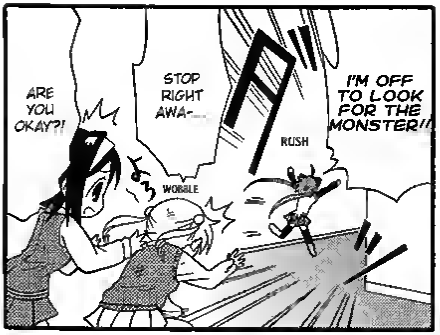

IT'S SOMEONE ELSE EIKO-CHAN IS JUST SO QUIET AND DOCILE!
THIS IS JUST A FANCLUB!
CLAMOR
SUPER HERO
CLAMOR
IS THIS HERO GIRL SUPPOSED TO BE EIKO?

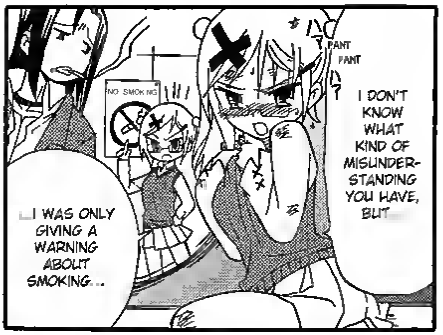

WHAT'S WRONG ?!
IMAGINE
IMAGINE
THINKING ABOUT NOT THINKING ABOUT HEROES MADE ME THINK ABOUT HEROES!!
TWITCH
Ahhh!

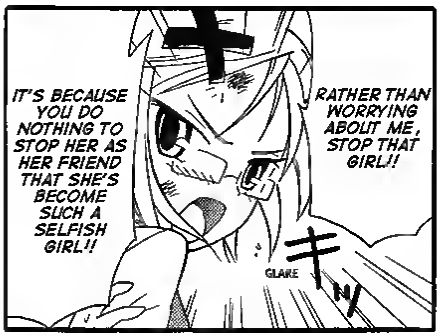
NO WAY!!
YEAH, HAS TO BE!

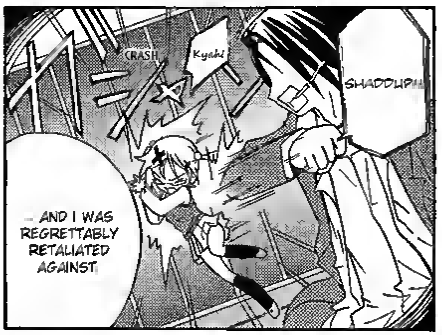
A SHRIEK!!
CLATTER
EH?! WHAT?
TWITCH
Kyaki
CRASH
TIME FOR THE HERO TO MAKE AN APPEAR-ANCE!!
I'M GOING!!
WHOOSH
TRANS-FORM!!
MEET THE CRIMSON METEOR OF PASSION, ECHO!!
MURMUR
LOOKIN' GOOD!
Hero?
It's the rumored hero girl!!
HEY, ECHO!!
ECHOOOO! YOU LEFT YOUR CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN THE BATHROOOOOM!
MURMUR MURMUR
UM, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE SOMETHING'S WRONG?
QUIVER QUIVER
NO, HARUKA! YOU CAN'T START BEING HAPPY WHEN HERO TALK COMES UP!

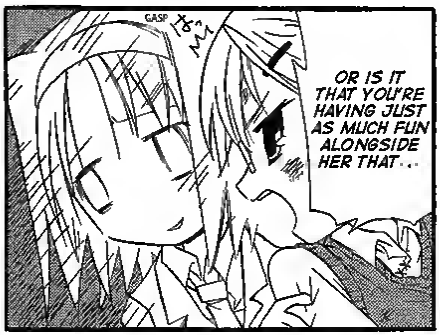
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YO-...
DID SOMEBODY TAKE YOU DOWN?! WAS IT THE SPIDER MAN? OR THE BAT MAN? OR MAYBE...!
TL note: She's referring to monsters from Kamen Rider
SAND?
SCRITCH
A MONSTER THAT USES SAND?!
OW...
UUU...
KAMIKAZE SHIORI, EH...?
IT'S YOU! THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT..
YOU ACTUALLY THINK THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON INSIDE... HEY! ST-..
TACKLE
THAT GUY FROM THE FUTURE IS DANGEROUS!! WHERE IS HE?! INSIDE YOUR CLOTHES?
WE'RE GOING TO GET ANOTHER LECTURE IN THE STAFF ROOM...
SIGH
Are you okay?!
!?
AND HER TRUE IDENTITY IS OUR COMRADE, YELLOW!!

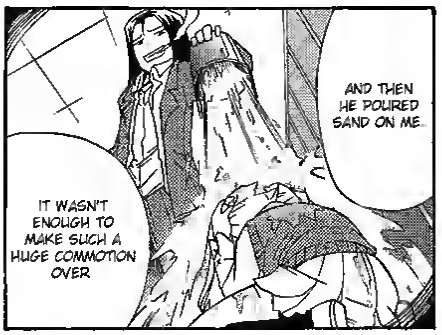

ARE YOU OKAY?!
STOP RIGHT AWA-...
I'M OFF TO LOOK FOR THE MONSTER!!
RUSH
WOBBLE

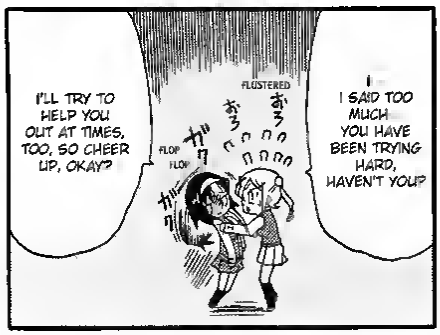

NO SMOKING
PANT PANT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING YOU HAVE, BUT...
...I WAS ONLY GIVING A WARNING ABOUT SMOKING...

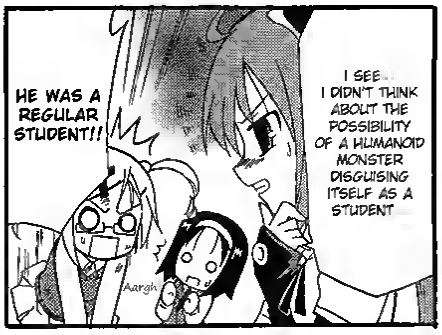

IT'S BECAUSE YOU DO NOTHING TO STOP HER AS HER FRIEND THAT SHE'S BECOME SUCH A SELFISH GIRL!!
RATHER THAN WORRYING ABOUT ME, STOP THAT GIRL!!
GLARE


CRASH
Kyaki
SHADDUP!!
...AND I WAS REGRETTABLY RETALIATED AGAINST

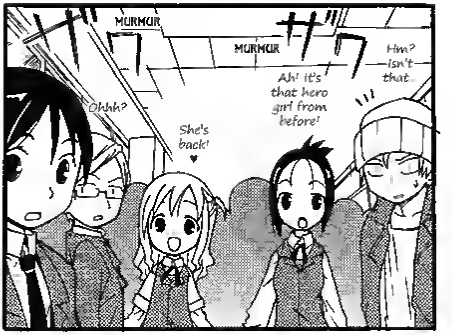

GASP
OR IS IT THAT YOU'RE HAVING JUST AS MUCH FUN ALONGSIDE HER THAT...


AND THEN HE POURED SAND ON ME...
IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO MAKE SUCH A HUGE COMMOTION OVER


I'LL TRY TO HELP YOU OUT AT TIMES, TOO, SO CHEER UP, OKAY?
FLUSTERED
FLOP
FLOP
I SAID TOO MUCH... YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING HARD, HAVEN'T YOU?

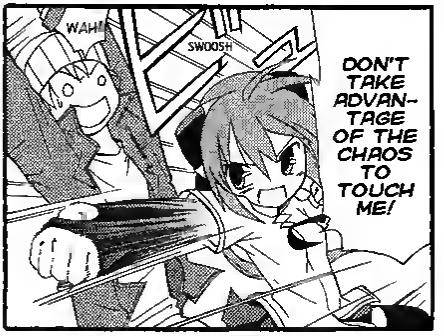

HE WAS A REGULAR STUDENT!!
I SEE... I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A HUMANOID MONSTER DISGUISING ITSELF AS A STUDENT...
Aargh

ROAR
MURMUR
BE QUIET, FANS!!

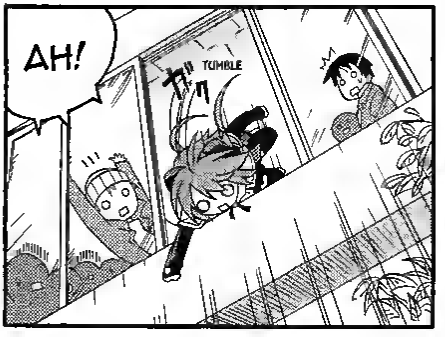

MURMUR
MURMUR
Hm? Isn't that...
Ah! It's that hero girl from before!
Ohhh?
She's back!

SHE'S GOT LITTLE BOOBIES
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS OF WANTING TO SWARM AROUND A HERO, BUT...
SQUISH

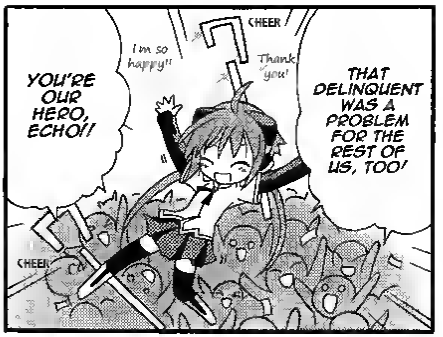
WHICH ONE'S THE MONSTER?!
DAMN! THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!


WAH!
SWOOSH
DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS TO TOUCH ME!

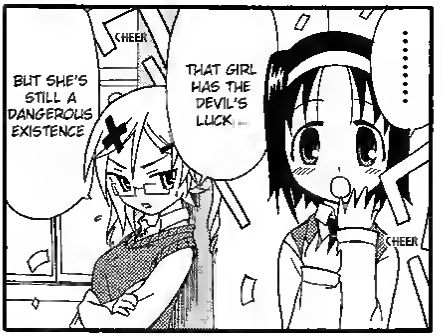
THAT HINT OF PRESENCE KNOWN AS MUSIC...
C, LM DOWN, ECHO. IN TIMES LIKE THESE, YOU NEED TO LISTEN FOR THE MUSIC.
INHALE

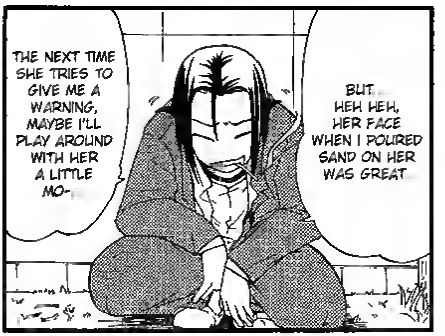

AH!
TUMBLE

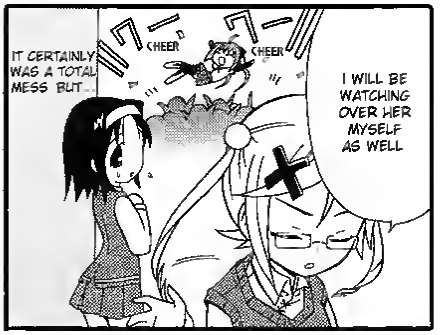
DA-DING
KA-CHK
Did you make this yourself?
Your hair's so gloooss
KA-CHK
.....
DING-A-DING
CHATTER CHATTER

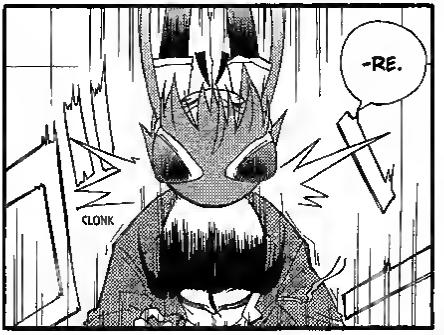

CHEER
I'm so happy!!
Thank you!
YOU'RE OUR HERO, ECHO!!
THAT DELINQUENT WAS A PROBLEM FOR THE REST OF US, TOO!
CHEER

TCH.
THAT COMMITTEE BITCH
GETTING ALL HUFFY OVER A FUCKING CIGARETTE
SHK

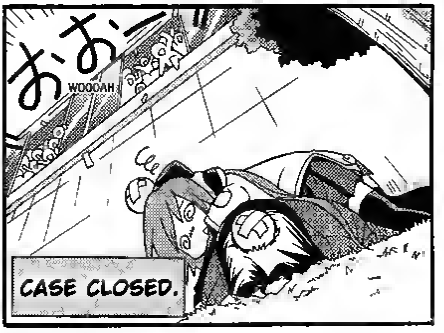

CHEER
BUT SHE'S STILL A DANGEROUS EXISTENCE
THAT GIRL HAS THE DEVIL'S LUCK...
.....
CHEER


THE NEXT TIME SHE TRIES TO GIVE ME A WARNING, MAYBE I'LL PLAY AROUND WITH HER A LITTLE MO-
BUT... HEH HEH, HER FACE WHEN I POURED SAND ON HER WAS GREAT


IT CERTAINLY WAS A TOTAL MESS BUT...
CHEER
CHEER
I WILL BE WATCHING OVER HER MYSELF AS WELL


-RE.
CLONK

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE WAS INCREDIBLE... JUST A LITTLE BIT
I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT THE EIKO-CHAN THAT DID HER BEST AS A HERO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WOOOAH
CASE CLOSED.

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SHIT! IT'S THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE PRESIDENT!
HAAAAA
IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR HANDS OFF THAT GIRL RIGHT NOW, WITH MY SUPER-POWERS, I'LL
STARE

STOP RIGHT THERE!
But you're enticing me to do this aren't you?
Nooo!!
THIS IS THE STORY OF ECHO, THE HERO WHO PROTECTS THE PEACE OF THE CAMPUS
ZOOM

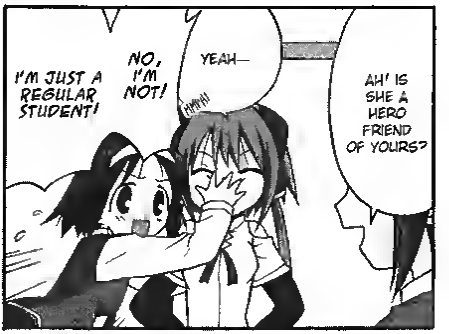
NOPE
HE FLED IN PANIC AFTER WITNESSING MY AURA!
GLEAM
FLEE

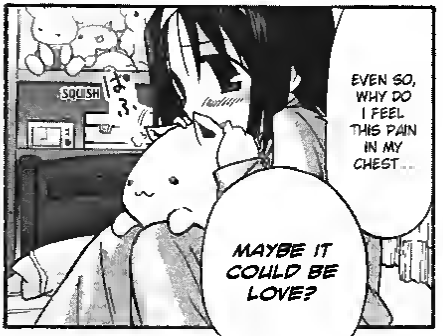
ECHO HAS ARRIVED!!
I WILL NOT FORGIVE MISCONDUCT WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!
GOOOONG

MY FRIEND ECHO, REAL NAME EIKO-CHAN, IS A GIRL WHO THINKS SHE'S A HERO

ECHO! THERE'S MORE DANGER...!
It's okay
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

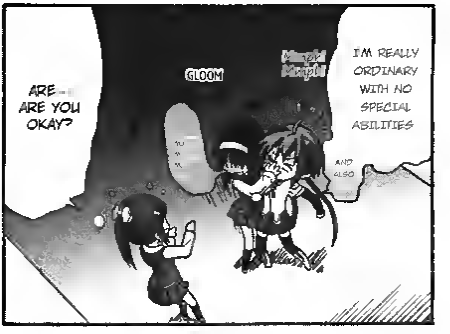
I'M OFF, BLAZER PINK!!
I HANG AROUND HER BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS, BUT...
I'M NOT REALLY A HERO OR ANYTHING

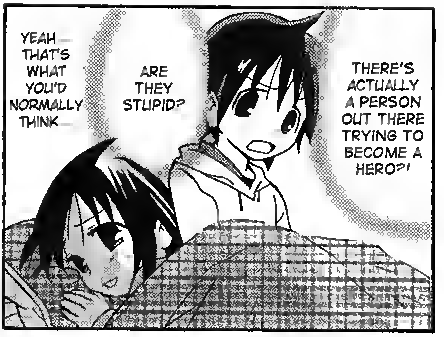

I'M JUST A REGULAR STUDENT!
NO, I'M NOT!
YEAH—
AH! IS SHE A HERO FRIEND OF YOURS?

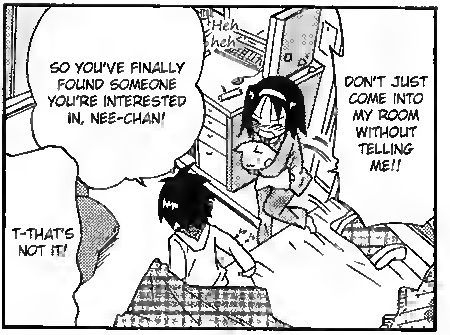

SQUISH
EVEN SO, WHY DO I FEEL THIS PAIN IN MY CHEST...
MAYBE IT COULD BE LOVE?

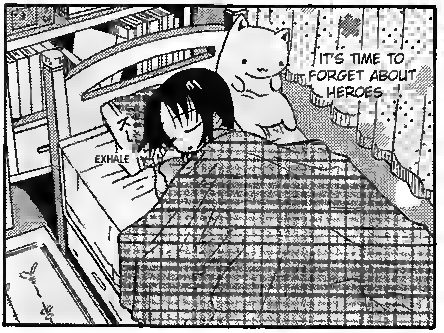
I HAVE NO SENSE OF JUSTICE, I HAVE NO PRESENCE, I DON'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS—
I'M NOT SMART, I HAVE SLOW REFLEXES...

TETSU!!
JERK!
I WONDER IF I SHOULD ASK MY LITTLE BROTHER FOR ADVICE?
RUSTLE RUSTLE

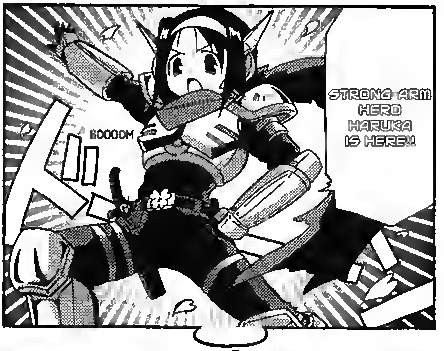

ARE— ARE YOU OKAY?
GLOOM
I'M REALLY ORDINARY WITH NO SPECIAL ABILITIES
AND ALSO

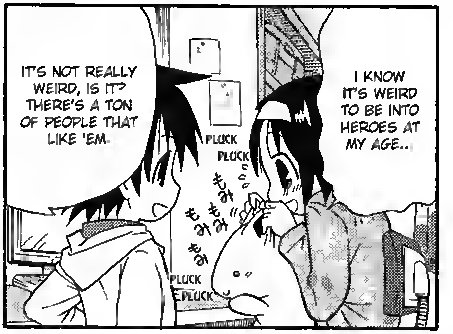

YEAH— THAT'S WHAT YOU'D NORMALLY THINK—
ARE THEY STUPID?
THERE'S ACTUALLY A PERSON OUT THERE TRYING TO BECOME A HERO?!

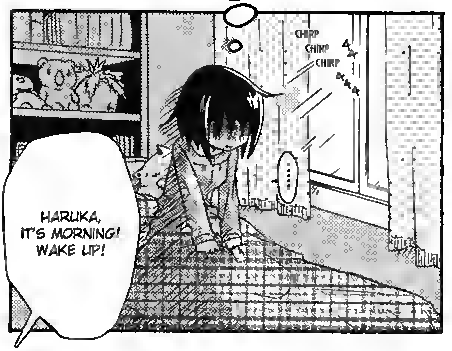

Heh heh
SO YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN, NEE-CHAN!
DON'T JUST COME INTO MY ROOM WITHOUT TELLING ME!!
T-THAT'S NOT IT!

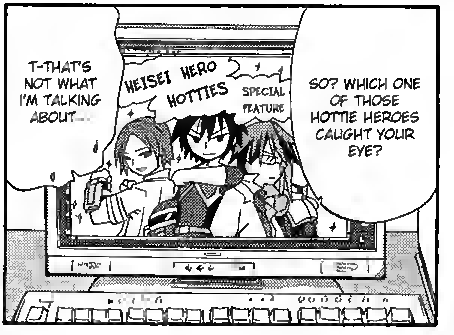

IT'S TIME TO FORGET ABOUT HEROES
EXHALE

YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HEROES?
HUH?

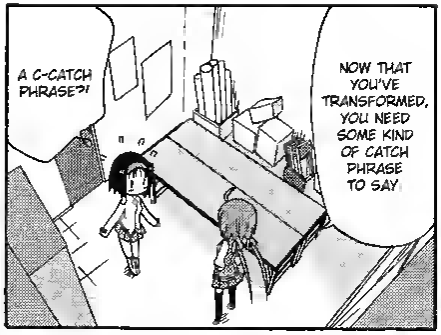

BOOOOM
STRONG ARM HERO HARUKA IS HERE!!

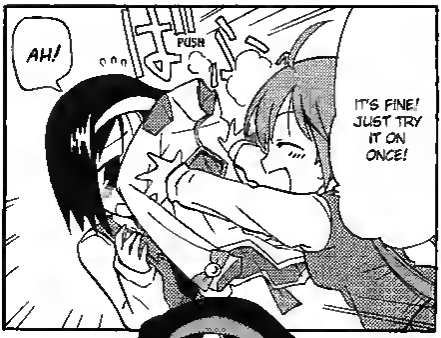

IT'S NOT REALLY WEIRD, IS IT? THERE'S A TON OF PEOPLE THAT LIKE 'EM.
I KNOW IT'S WEIRD TO BE INTO HEROES AT MY AGE...
PLUCK
PLUCK
PLUCK
PLUCK

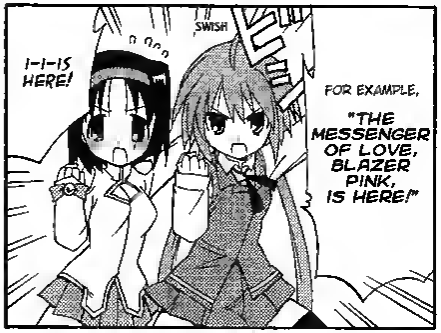

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP
HARUKA, IT'S MORNING! WAKE UP!

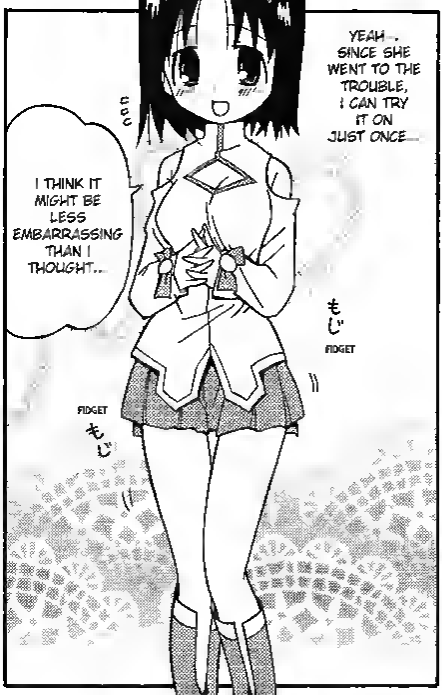

T-THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT—
HEISEI HERO HOTTIES
SPECIAL FEATURE
SO? WHICH ONE OF THOSE HOTTIE HEROES CAUGHT YOUR EYE?

A COSTUME FOR ME
SUPERHERO CLUB
IF I KEEP GOING AT THIS RATE, I'M GOING TO GET DRAGGED INTO THAT WORLD!
STOP
GASP
WITH THIS, YOU'RE OFFICIALLY PART OF THE HERO CLUB NOW, HARUKA!
THUD
IT'S MEAN TO EIKO-CHAN, BUT TODAY I HAVE TO QUIT THE SUPERHERO CLUB!!
I'M SORRY! I CAN'T WEAR THIS!!
I GOT PULLED INTO THE FLOW OF THINGS AGAIN THERE FOR A MOMENT
ONE THAT SHORT IS COM-PLETELY UN-NECESSARY !!
FLAP
DON'T LOOK SO WORRIED! IT COMES WITH A MINISKIRT, OF COURSE
FLAP
YOU... YOU THINK SO? ♪
I MADE YOU A COSTUME, HARUKA! I'M SURE IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON YOU! ♪


A C-CATCH PHRASE?!
NOW THAT YOU'VE TRANSFORMED, YOU NEED SOME KIND OF CATCH PHRASE TO SAY!


AH!
PUSH
IT'S FINE! JUST TRY IT ON ONCE!


I-I-IS HERE!
SWISH
FOR EXAMPLE,
"THE MESSENGER OF LOVE, BLAZER PINK, IS HERE!"


YEAH... SINCE SHE WENT TO THE TROUBLE, I CAN TRY IT ON JUST ONCE...
I THINK IT MIGHT BE LESS EMBARRASSING THAN I THOUGHT..
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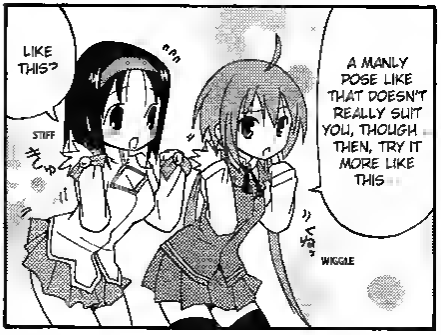
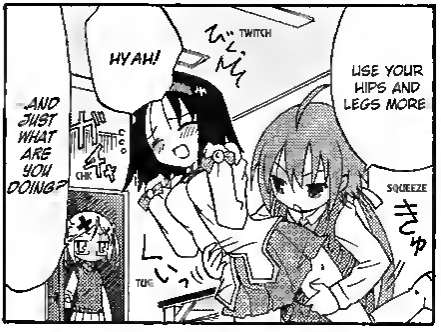
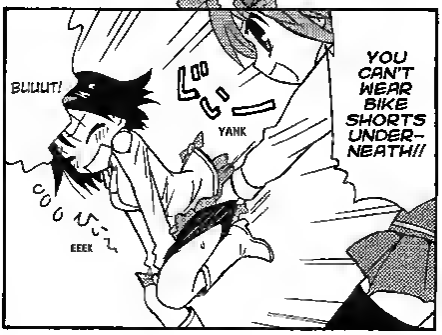

LIKE THIS?
STIFF
A MANLY POSE LIKE THAT DOESN'T REALLY SUIT YOU, THOUGH... THEN, TRY IT MORE LIKE THIS...
WIGGLE


HYAH!
TWITCH
USE YOUR HIPS AND LEGS MORE
SQUEEZE
AND JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CHK
TUG


BUUUT!
YANK
EEEK
YOU CAN'T WEAR BIKE SHORTS UNDERNEATH!!

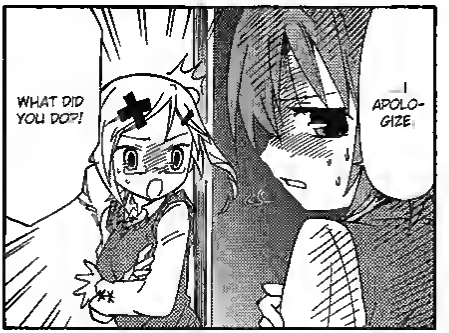
YEAH! SINCE HER COSTUME IS FINISHED!
AH! NO... THIS IS...
TWITCH
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN, TOO, HARUKA-SAN...

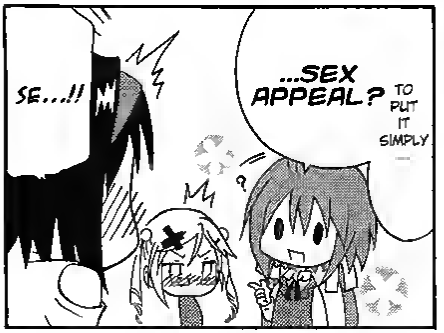
I AM NOT YELLOW!
YOU CAME AT THE PERFECT TIME, YELLOW!
PRESI-DENT-SAN
COUGH

DON'T BE SO MODEST! ANYONE CAN SEE THAT YOU HAVE A POWER THAT NOBODY ELSE HAS!
I'M JUST TRYING IT ON ONCE I'M NO HERO...

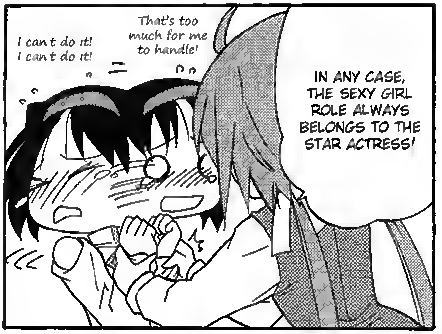
YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING THAT'S GOING TO MAKE ME MAD, RIGHT?
I THOUGHT I'D COME TO MAKE SURE YOU WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING STRANGE...

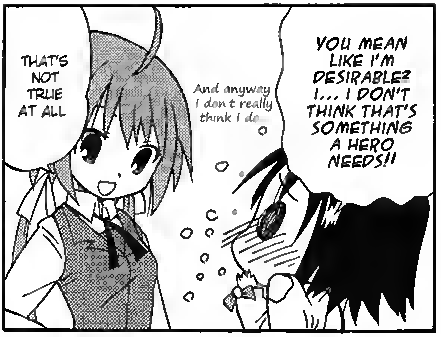
. YOU'VE GOT YOUR PINK AURA HURRICANE, HARUKA!
JUST LIKE I'VE GOT MY MIRACLE POWERS...
WHAT'S THAT?

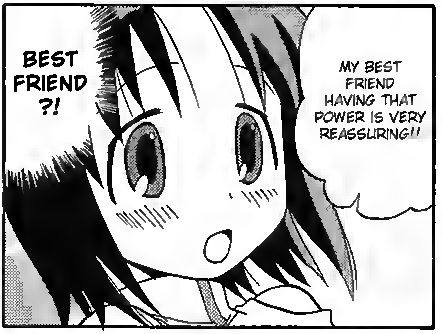

WHAT DID YOU DO?!
...I APOLO-GIZE

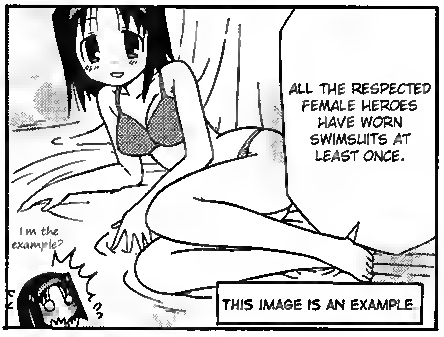

SE...!!
...SEX APPEAL? TO PUT IT SIMPLY

"WHY ISN'T THERE ONE FOR ME?"
...IS WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE ANGRY ABOUT?
YOUR COSTUME ISN'T READY YET, YELLOW...

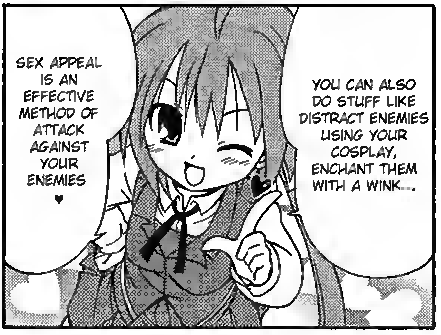

I can't do it! I can't do it!
That's too much for me to handle!
IN ANY CASE, THE SEXY GIRL ROLE ALWAYS BELONGS TO THE STAR ACTRESS!

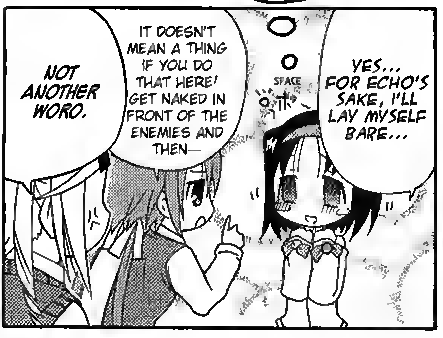

THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL
And anyway I don't really think I do.
YOU MEAN LIKE I'M DESIRABLE? I... I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING A HERO NEEDS!!

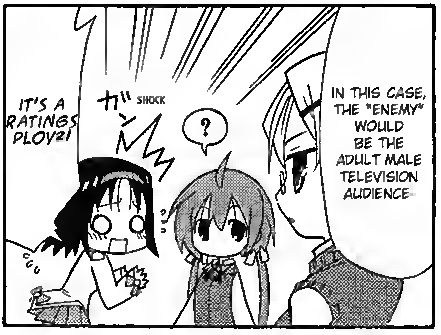

BEST FRIEND ?!
MY BEST FRIEND HAVING THAT POWER IS VERY REASSURING!!


I'm the example?
ALL THE RESPECTED FEMALE HEROES HAVE WORN SWIMSUITS AT LEAST ONCE.
THIS IMAGE IS AN EXAMPLE

DON'T SAY THAT! WE'RE BEST FRIENDS, RIGHT? WE'LL BE TOGETHER UNTIL THE MOMENT WE DIE!!
I APOLOGIZE GETTING YOU INVOLVED IN THIS, HARUKA...
PANT
PANT


SEX APPEAL IS AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF ATTACK AGAINST YOUR ENEMIES ♥
YOU CAN ALSO DO STUFF LIKE DISTRACT ENEMIES USING YOUR COSPLAY, ENCHANT THEM WITH A WINK...


NOT ANOTHER WORD.
IT DOESN'T MEAN A THING IF YOU DO THAT HERE! GET NAKED IN FRONT OF THE ENEMIES AND THEN—
YES... FOR ECHO'S SAKE, I'LL LAY MYSELF BARE...
SPACE


IT'S A RATINGS PLOY?!
SHOCK
?
IN THIS CASE, THE "ENEMY" WOULD BE THE ADULT MALE TELEVISION AUDIENCE

EIKO-CHAN, SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT! STOP IT!!
E... ENOUGH OF THIS!
WHADDYA THINK? WANNA TRY 'EM?
HWHA? DID I... SAY SOMETHING...
はっ GASP
HARUKA-SAN, A WORD!
I CAN DO IT FOR NOW!!
BUT THERE'S NOBODY ELSE THAT CAN PLAY THE SEXY GIRL ROLE...
I DO...
WHISPER WHISPER
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED HER TO STOP DOING THIS?
IF SO, THEN WHY—
はっ GASP
SQUEEZE
SLIDE
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME FROM THIS POINT FORWARD...?
がばっ GLOMP
ALL RIGHT! YOU'VE GOT THE PART, HARUKA! MAKE THOSE BAD GUYS FALL HEAD OVER HEELS FOR YOU!
DON'T TOUCH ME WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!!
HMMM, MAYBE THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE BETTER IN THE SEXY GIRL ROLE

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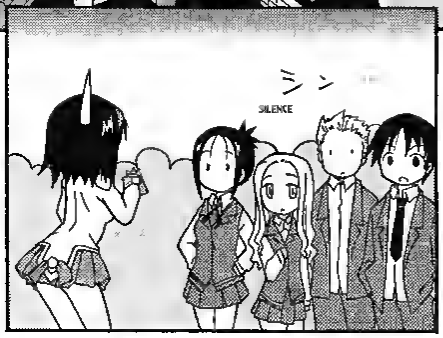
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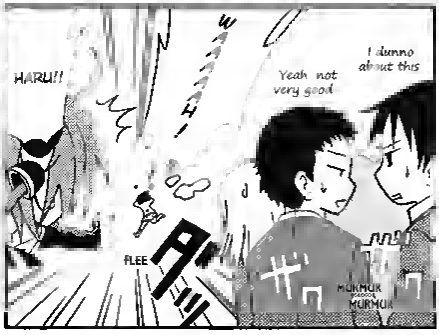
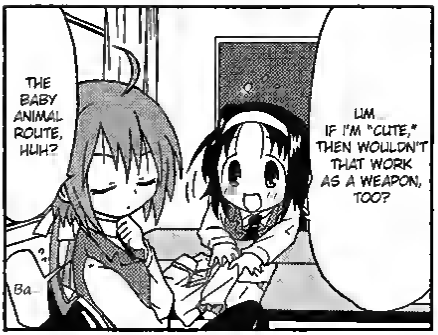
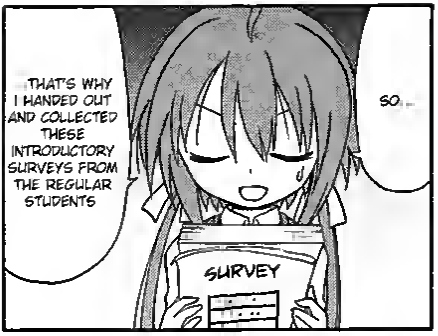
SILENCE

NOW, HARU!!
TODAY'S THE DAY THAT PINK MAKES HER DEBUT!!
O... OKAY!
ZOOM

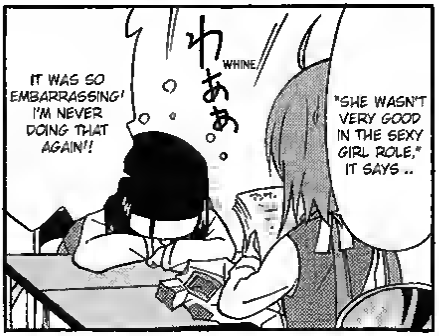

HARU!!
WAAAAH!
Yeah not very good
I dunno about this
FLEE
MUKMUK MURMUR

P... PINK AURA HURRICANE!

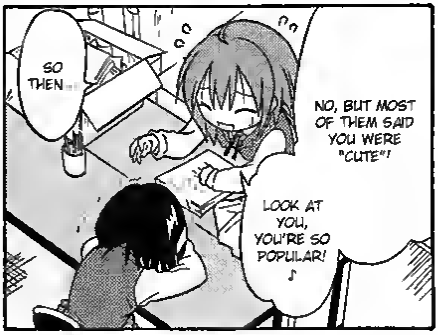

THE BABY ANIMAL ROUTE, HUH?
UM... IF I'M "CUTE," THEN WOULDN'T THAT WORK AS A WEAPON, TOO?

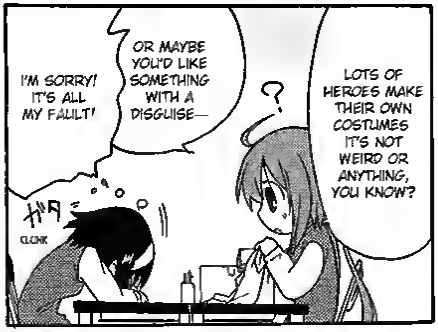

SO...
...THAT'S WHY I HANDED OUT AND COLLECTED THESE INTRODUCTORY SURVEYS FROM THE REGULAR STUDENTS
SURVEY

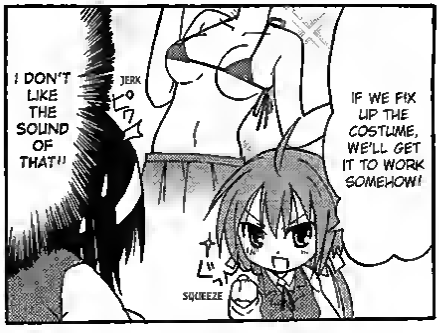
HUH?
EITHER WAY I'LL HAVE TO REDO YOUR COSTUME.


WHINE
IT WAS SO EMBARRASSING! I'M NEVER DOING THAT AGAIN!!
"SHE WASN'T VERY GOOD IN THE SEXY GIRL ROLE," IT SAYS ..

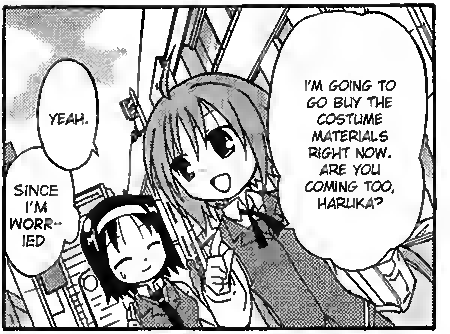
...YOU MADE THAT COSTUME YOURSELF?
EIKO-CHAN..

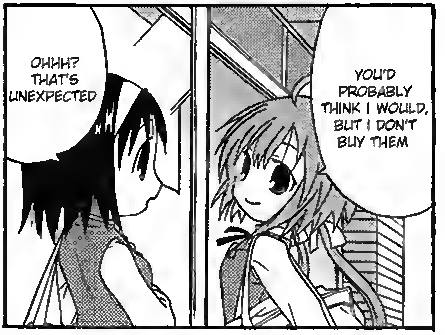

SO THEN...
NO, BUT MOST OF THEM SAID YOU WERE "CUTE"!
LOOK AT YOU, YOU'RE SO POPULAR! ♪


I'M SORRY! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
OR MAYBE YOU'D LIKE SOMETHING WITH A DISGUISE—
LOTS OF HEROES MAKE THEIR OWN COSTUMES IT'S NOT WEIRD OR ANYTHING, YOU KNOW?
CLUNK


I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!!
JERK
IF WE FIX UP THE COSTUME, WE'LL GET IT TO WORK SOMEHOW!
SQUEEZE

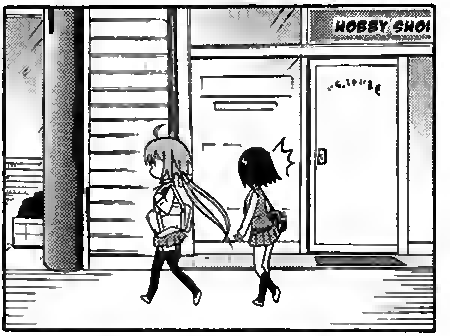
NEW! HERO BOOKS
AHH! HERO BOOKS, EH?


I'M GOING TO GO BUY THE COSTUME MATERIALS RIGHT NOW. ARE YOU COMING TOO, HARUKA?
YEAH.
SINCE I'M WORR-- IED

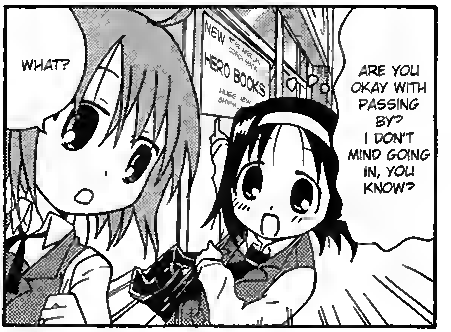

YOU'D PROBABLY THINK I WOULD, BUT I DON'T BUY THEM
OHHH? THAT'S UNEXPECTED

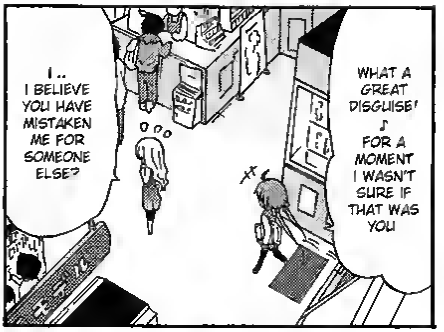
HOBBY SHOP SUZU
NEW! HERO BOOKS

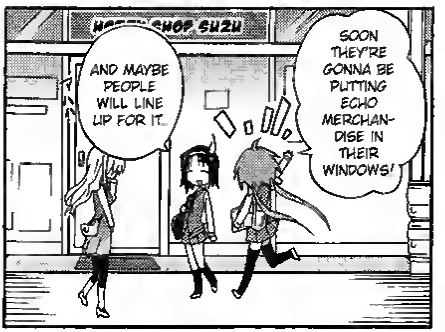
BE-CAUSE!
I'M A HERO!!

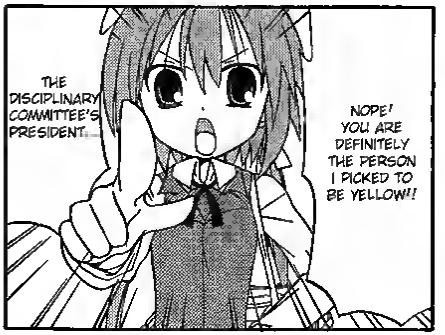

HOBBY SHOP

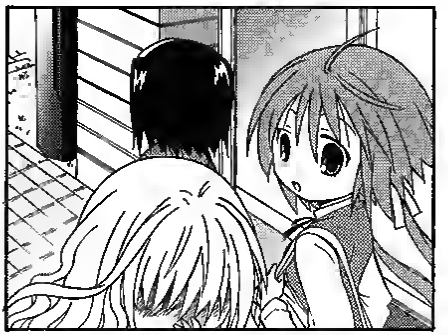
INSTEAD OF BUYING THEM, I'D RATHER HAVE MY OWN BEING BOUGHT!!
OF COURSE YOU WOULD...

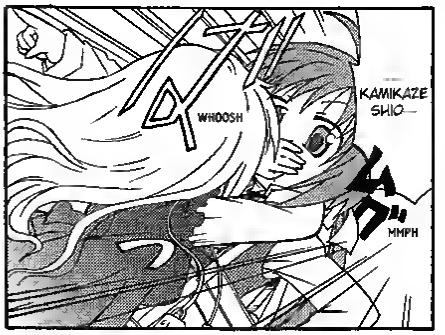

WHAT?
HERO BOOKS
ARE YOU OKAY WITH PASSING BY? I DON'T MIND GOING IN, YOU KNOW?

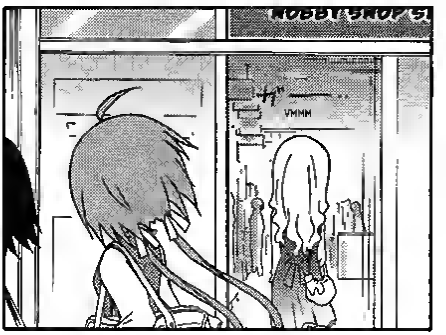

I..
I BELIEVE YOU HAVE MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE?
WHAT A GREAT DISGUISE! ♪
FOR A MOMENT I WASN'T SURE IF THAT WAS YOU


SOON THEY'RE GONNA BE PUTTING ECHO MERCHANDISE IN THEIR WINDOWS!
AND MAYBE PEOPLE WILL LINE UP FOR IT.


THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT...
NOPE! YOU ARE DEFINITELY THE PERSON I PICKED TO BE YELLOW!!




WHOOSH
KAMIKAZE SHIO—
MMPH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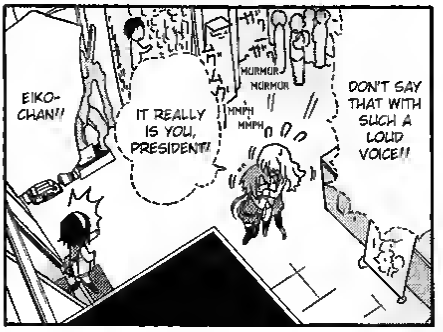
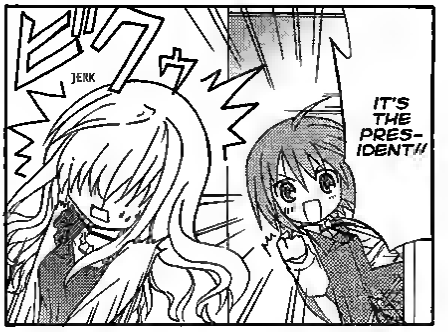
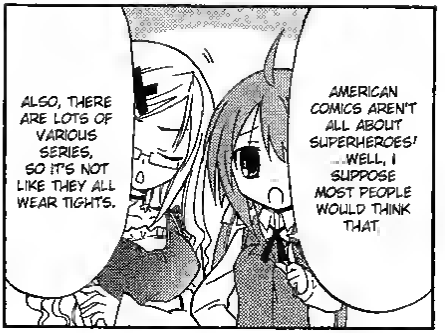
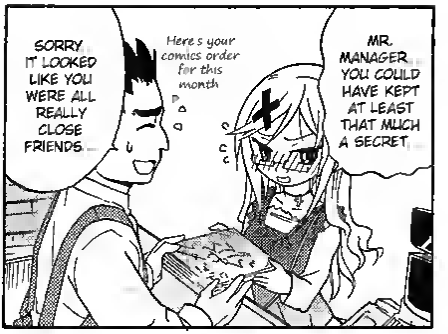

EIKO-CHAN!!
IT REALLY IS YOU, PRESIDENT!!
MURMUR
MURMUR
MMPH
MMPH
DON'T SAY THAT WITH SUCH A LOUD VOICE!!


ビクッ
JERK
IT'S THE PRES-IDENT!!

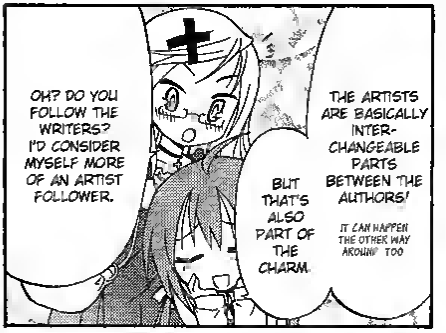
FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, DO NOT DO ANYTHING WEIRD INSIDE THE STORE!!
EXCITED
ALL RIGHT! I'LL HELP YOU OUT!
UH...
UM...
HUH?! PRESIDENT-SAN?
Y... YES! THAT'S RIGHT!!
EIKO-CHAN! I'M SURE PRESIDENT-SAN IS JUST EMBARRASSED
CLIP
AND OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE, IT HAD TO BE YOU! TWO
GEEZ... UP 'TIL NOW NOBODY HAD DISCOVERED ME...
T-THAT'S NOT TRUE!! I'M JUST...!
BECAUSE WE DISCOVERED THE FACT THAT THE NORMALLY COOL PRESIDENT IS ACTUALLY A LOVER OF HERO BOOKS...
I GOT IT!!
NO! THIS IS..
DO YOU ALWAYS DISGUISE(?) YOURSELF WHEN YOU GO SHOPPING?
MR. MANAGER, PLEASE STOP SAYING THINGS IN A WAY THAT WILL INVITE MISUNDER-STANDINGS
HUH... SO YOU'RE INTO THE MORE ADULT ONES, ARE YOU.
Whaa ?!
YEAH, SHE LIKES THE THICKER, HARDER, WESTERN ONES THE BEST!
OH NO, SHE'S GETTING OUT OF CONTROL AGAIN...
HUH?
That's Yellow for you!!
THIS IS THE BAD GUYS' SECRET BASE, AND YOU'RE DOING AN UNDERCOVER INVESTI-GATION!!

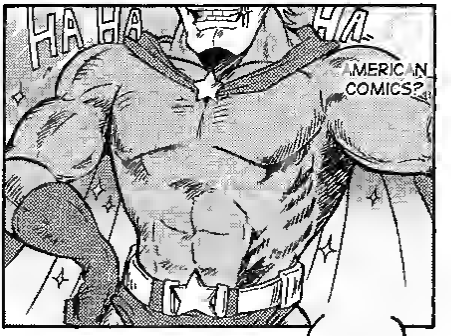

AMERICAN COMICS AREN'T ALL ABOUT SUPERHEROES!
...WELL, I SUPPOSE MOST PEOPLE WOULD THINK THAT
ALSO, THERE ARE LOTS OF VARIOUS SERIES, SO IT'S NOT LIKE THEY ALL WEAR TIGHTS.

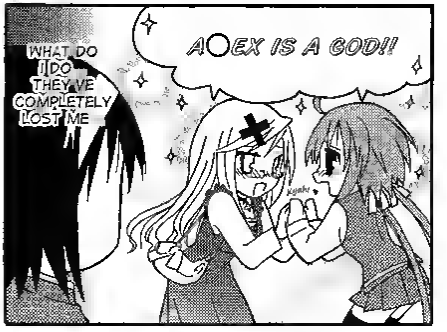

SORRY IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE ALL REALLY CLOSE FRIENDS...
Here's your comics order for this month
MR. MANAGER YOU COULD HAVE KEPT AT LEAST THAT MUCH A SECRET

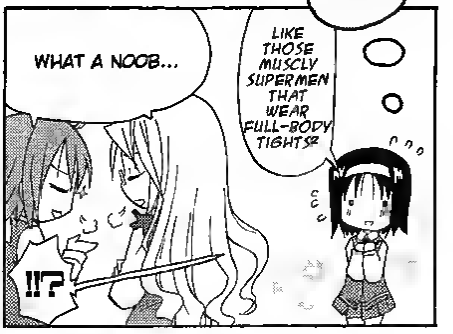
ALSO THE SAME HERO CAN FEEL COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHO DRAWS THEM
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE STORY CONTINUES BUT THE ARTIST CHANGES RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE, TOO

I SEE! YOU LOVE AMERICAN COMICS!
TWITCH
N... NOT REALLY! I'M JUST BUYING THEM TO HELP WITH MY ENGLISH STUDIES
PEEP

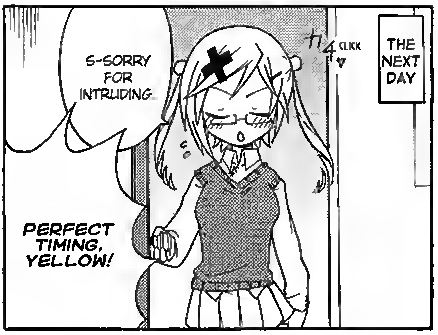

THE ARTISTS ARE BASICALLY INTER-CHANGEABLE PARTS BETWEEN THE AUTHORS!
IT CAN HAPPEN THE OTHER WAY AROUND TOO
BUT THAT'S ALSO PART OF THE CHARM.
OH? DO YOU FOLLOW THE WRITERS? I'D CONSIDER MYSELF MORE OF AN ARTIST FOLLOWER.

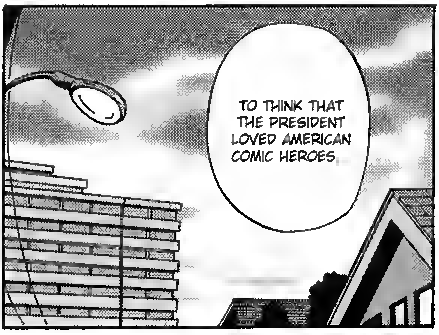

HA HA HA
...MERICAN COMICS?


AOEX IS A GOD!!
WHAT DO I DO... THEY'VE COMPLETELY LOST ME

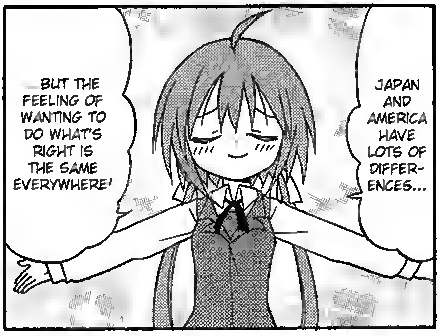

LIKE THOSE MUSCLY SUPERMEN THAT WEAR FULL-BODY TIGHTS?
WHAT A NOOB...
!!?

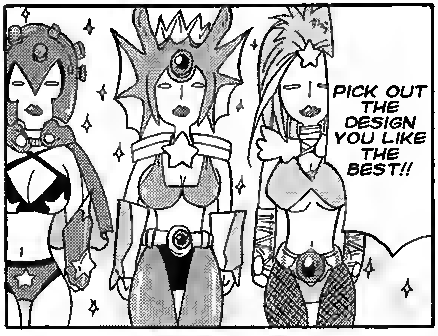
PRESIDENT!
I-I'M LEAVING!!
FLEE
SO DO YOU, EIKO-SAN!
YOU REALLY DO LOVE AMERICAN COMICS, PRESIDENT!
COME TO THE CLUB ROOM AGAIN TOMORROW, OKAY!!
AND YOU DO ❤
WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE A GIRL TRYING TO BECOME A HERO, I WAS THINKING THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE THAT YOU DID.
...O-OF COURSE.
THAT'S MY JOB, AFTER ALL.
GASP
I'M SO GLAD I MADE AN EFFORT TO GET CLOSER TO Y...
STARE
STEP
HUG
A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT.
SERIOUS
Waaah!
T-THAT'S NOT WHY! I'M DOING THIS AS A JOB FOR THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE!!

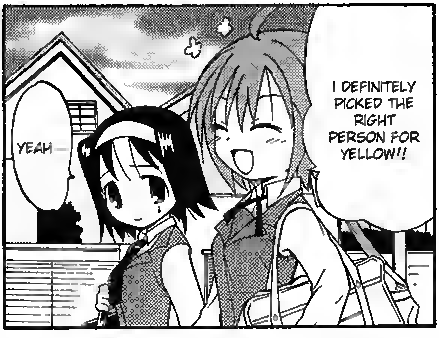

S-SORRY FOR INTRUDING.
PERFECT TIMING, YELLOW!
CLICK
THE NEXT DAY

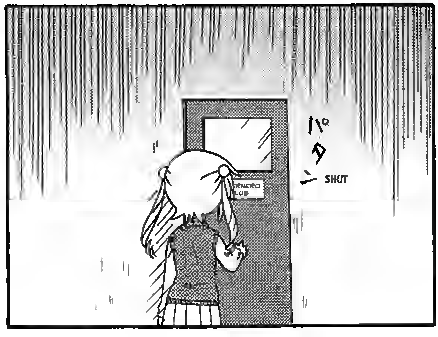

TO THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT LOVED AMERICAN COMIC HEROES.

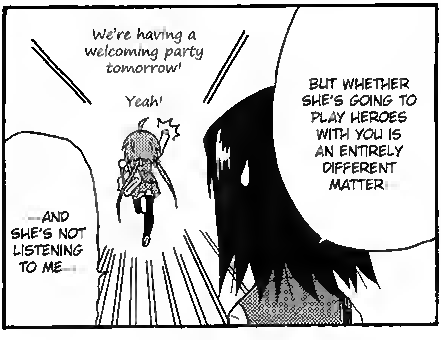
ONCE I HEARD YOU LOVED AMERICAN COMICS, I DECIDED TO COME UP WITH DESIGNS FOR YOUR COSTUME BEFORE WORKING ON HARUKA'S!
COME!

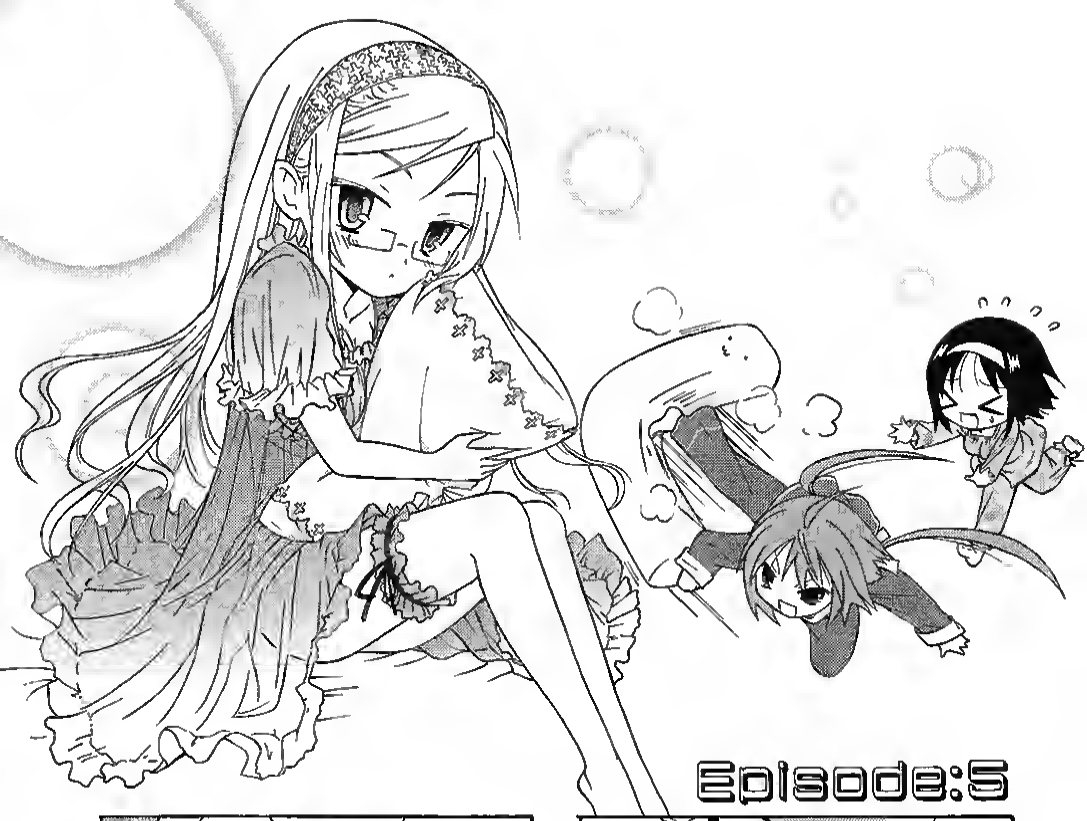

...BUT THE FEELING OF WANTING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT IS THE SAME EVERYWHERE!
JAPAN AND AMERICA HAVE LOTS OF DIFFERENCES...


PICK OUT THE DESIGN YOU LIKE THE BEST!!


YEAH
I DEFINITELY PICKED THE RIGHT PERSON FOR YELLOW!!


SHUT


We're having a welcoming party tomorrow!
Yeah!
...AND SHE'S NOT LISTENING TO ME...
BUT WHETHER SHE'S GOING TO PLAY HEROES WITH YOU IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATTER.



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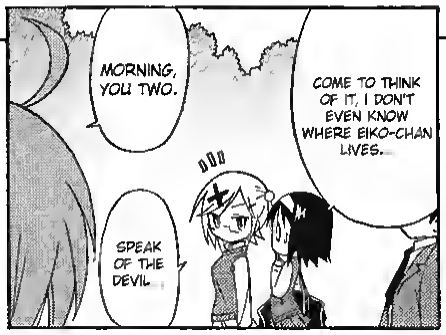
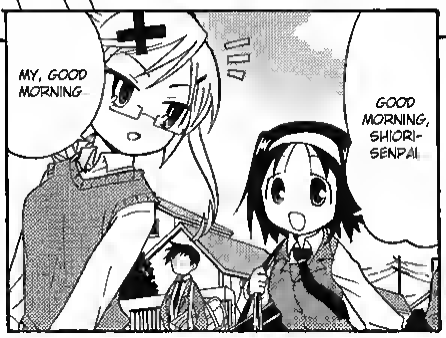
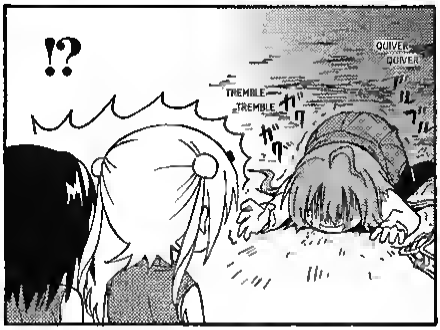

MORNING, YOU TWO.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE EIKO-CHAN LIVES.
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL


MY, GOOD MORNING
GOOD MORNING, SHIORI-SENPAI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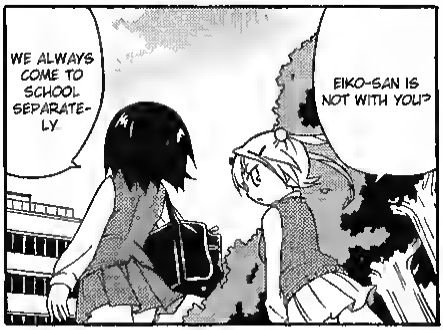
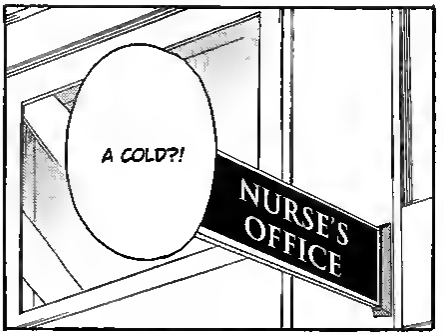
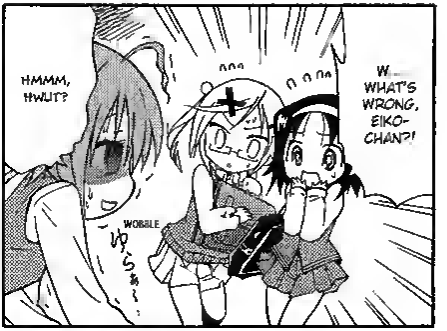
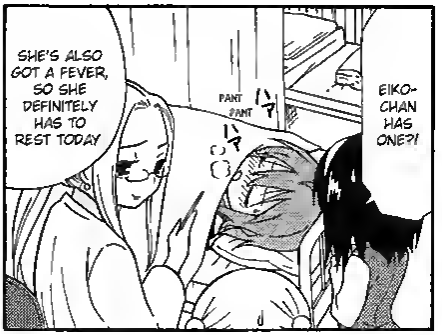
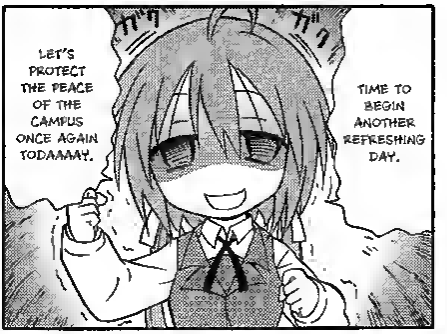
QUIVER QUIVER
TREMBLE TREMBLE

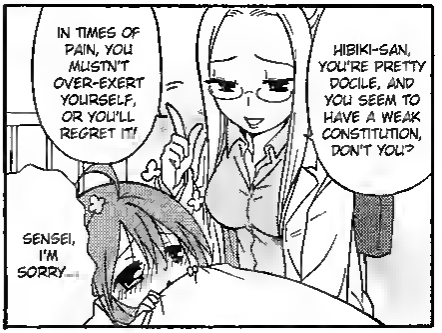

WE ALWAYS COME TO SCHOOL SEPARATE-LY
EIKO-SAN IS NOT WITH YOU?

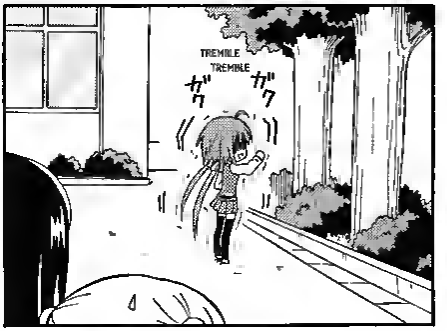

A COLD?!
NURSE'S OFFICE

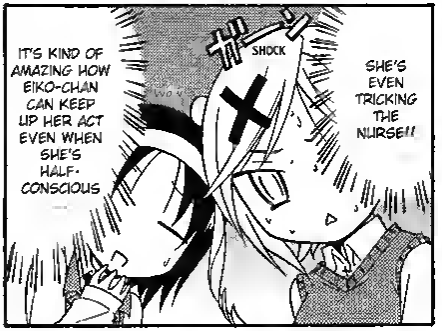

HMMM, HWUT?
W-WHAT'S WRONG, EIKO-CHAN?!
WOBBLE

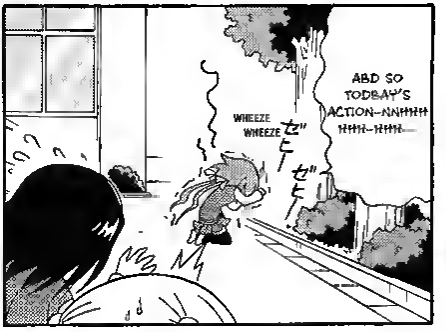

SHE'S ALSO GOT A FEVER, SO SHE DEFINITELY HAS TO REST TODAY
PANT PANT
EIKO-CHAN HAS ONE?!


LET'S PROTECT THE PEACE OF THE CAMPUS ONCE AGAIN TODAAAAY.
TIME TO BEGIN ANOTHER REFRESHING DAY.

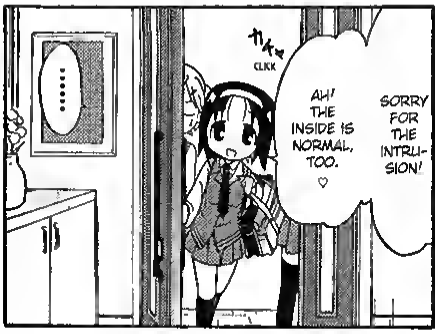

IN TIMES OF PAIN, YOU MUSTN'T OVER-EXERT YOURSELF, OR YOU'LL REGRET IT!
HIBIKI-SAN, YOU'RE PRETTY DOCILE, AND YOU SEEM TO HAVE A WEAK CONSTITUTION, DON'T YOU?
SENSEI, I'M SORRY...

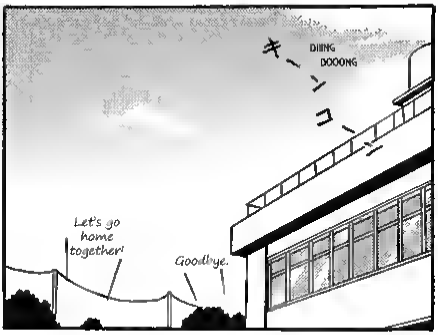

TREMBLE
TREMBLE


IT'S KIND OF AMAZING HOW EIKO-CHAN CAN KEEP UP HER ACT EVEN WHEN SHE'S HALF-CONSCIOUS...
SHOCK
SHE'S EVEN TRICKING THE NURSE!!

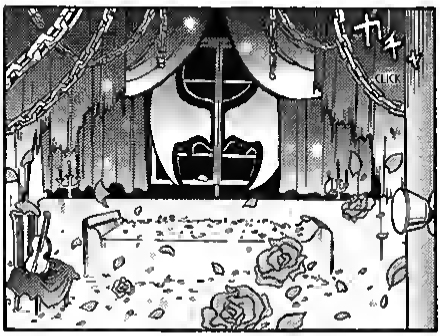

WHEEZE WHEEZE
AND SO TODAY'S ACTION--AHHHHHHHH--HHH...

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD ESCORT YOU ALL THE WAY HOME.
STAY HERE AND REST UNTIL CLASSES ARE OVER.
NO... MY MOTHER...
COUGH
SHALL I CALL YOUR PARENTS TO COME AND PICK YOU UP?
I HAVE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE WORK TODAY, SO I CAN'T!
SHIORI-SENPAI, YOU'RE GOING TO COME WITH ME TODAY, RIGHT?
Using ice magic
COUGH COUGH
...SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A HEAD-TO-HEAD BATTLE WITH MY FATHER, WHO WAS BRAINWASHED BY EVIL...
PLEASE DON'T!!
THAT EVEN THE TEACHERS HAVEN'T REALIZED IT YET IS A HUGE PROBLEM! AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, I SHOULD REVEAL ECHO'S TRUE IDENTITY TO EVERYO
about being a hero during class, too!
Now that my true form is revealed, I have no hesitations!
IF YOU DO THAT, IT'LL HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT...
UGH!
SHE'S BECOMING UNABLE TO HIDE HER TRUE CHARACTER...
R-RIGHT, OF COURSE...
S-SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK...


CLICK
SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION!
AH! THE INSIDE IS NORMAL, TOO. ♡


DIING DOOONG
Let's go home together!
Goodbye.

WHERE'S YOUR ROOM, EIKO-CHAN?
HWHAA?
..THERE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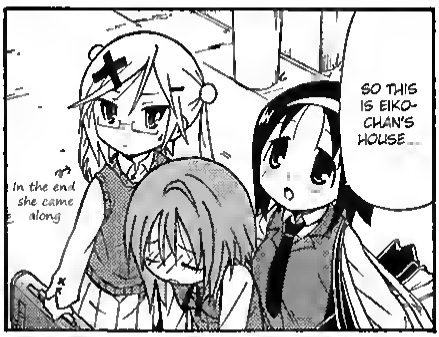
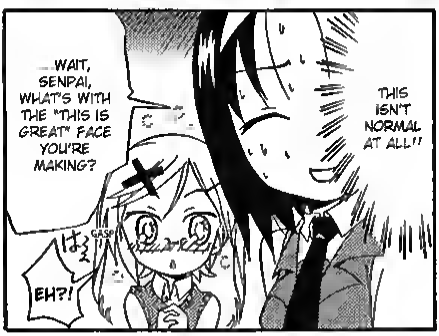
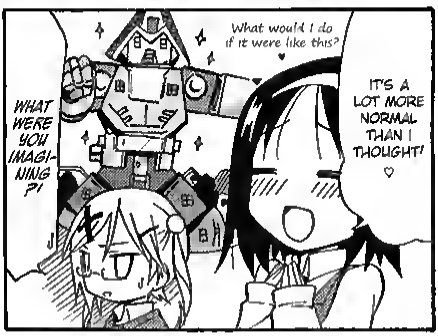
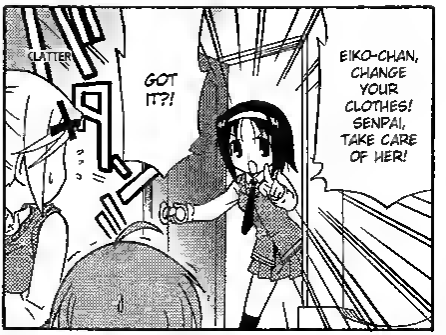
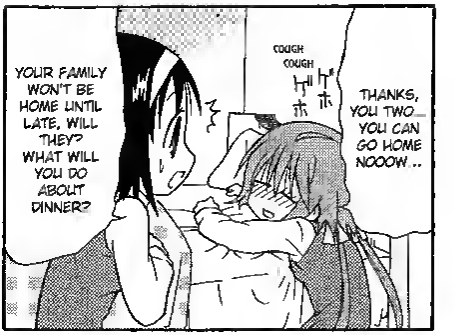

SO THIS IS EIKO-CHAN'S HOUSE...
In the end she came along

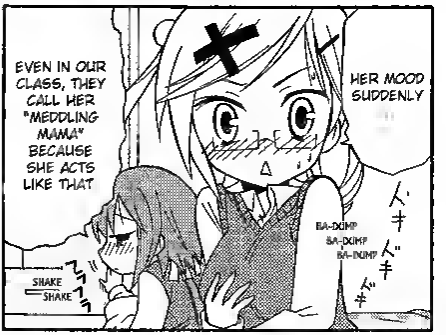

...WAIT, SENPAI, WHAT'S WITH THE "THIS IS GREAT" FACE YOU'RE MAKING?
THIS ISN'T NORMAL AT ALL!!
GASP
EH?!


What would I do if it were like this? ♥
WHAT WERE YOU IMAGINING?!
IT'S A LOT MORE NORMAL THAN I THOUGHT! ♡

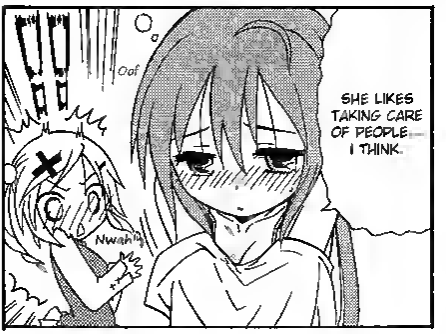
HUH?
CLICK
O-OH, I SEE!
UFFF... THIS ISN'T IT. THIS IS MY MOM'S ROOM.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S JUST A LITTLE TOO TIDY?
PHEW
NORMAL.
I'M JEALO- NO, I MEAN TROUBLED BY HER TASTE.
SHAKE SHAKE
IT'S A ROOM DECORATED LIKE SHE'S COMPLETELY ADDICTED TO HEROES.
EVEN IF SHE'S NOT A COLLECTOR, IF SHE LIKES THEM, YOU'D THINK SHE'D AT LEAST HAVE ONE OR TWO PIECES OF MERCHANDISE.
EIKO-SAN'S ROOM IS ALSO
SO THAT MEANS...
IF THAT'S THE CASE I DON'T THINK YOU'D CALL THAT A NORMAL PERSON.
Maybe she's hiding them somewhere or something?
EVEN A NORMAL PERSON SUCH AS MYSELF HAS A ROOM FULL OF AMERICAN COMICS STUFF ..
HERO
Gigantic figure ♡
TREMBLE TREMBLE
THIS ONE'S MY ROOM

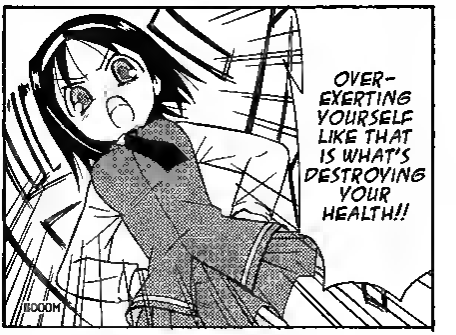

CLATTER
GOT IT?!
EIKO-CHAN, CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES! SENPAI, TAKE CARE OF HER!

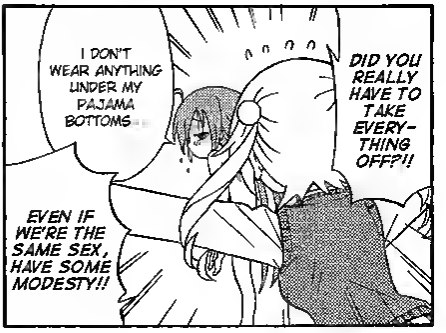

COUGH COUGH
YOUR FAMILY WON'T BE HOME UNTIL LATE, WILL THEY? WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT DINNER?
THANKS, YOU TWO... YOU CAN GO HOME NOOOW ..

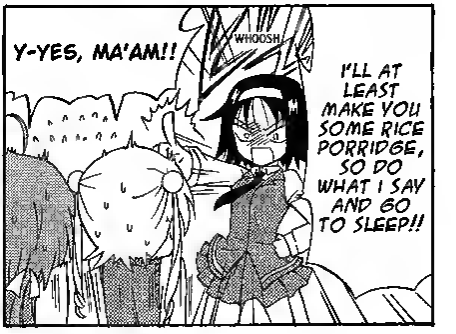

EVEN IN OUR CLASS, THEY CALL HER "MEDDLING MAMA" BECAUSE SHE ACTS LIKE THAT
HER MOOD SUDDENLY
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
SHAKE SHAKE

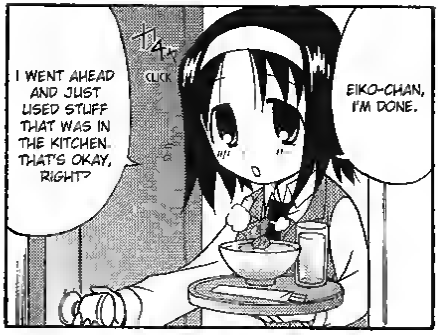
YELL
NO WAY !!
I CAN SKIP AT LEAST ONE MEAL USING MY HERO'S SPIRIT...
TWITCH

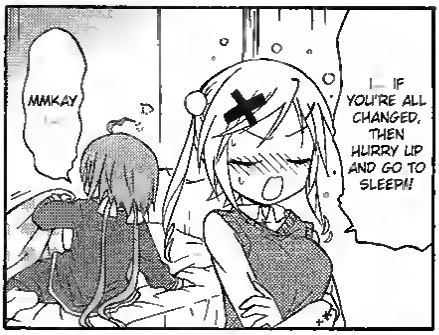

Oof
SHE LIKES TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE... I THINK.
Nwah!

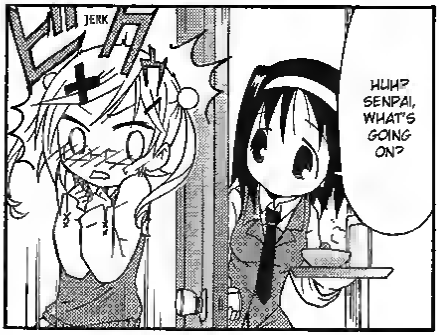

OVER-EXERTING YOURSELF LIKE THAT IS WHAT'S DESTROYING YOUR HEALTH!!
BOOOM

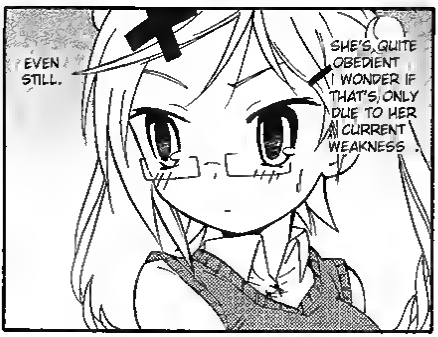

I DON'T WEAR ANYTHING UNDER MY PAJAMA BOTTOMS...
DID YOU REALLY HAVE TO TAKE EVERY-THING OFF?!
EVEN IF WE'RE THE SAME SEX, HAVE SOME MODESTY!!

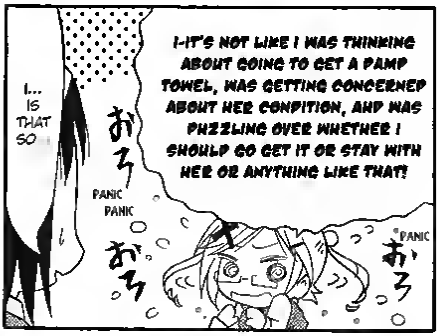

Y-YES, MA'AM!!
WHOOSH
I'LL AT LEAST MAKE YOU SOME RICE PORRIDGE, SO DO WHAT I SAY AND GO TO SLEEP!!

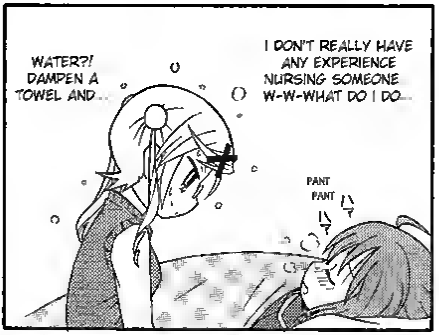

EIKO-CHAN, I'M DONE.
CLICK
I WENT AHEAD AND JUST USED STUFF THAT WAS IN THE KITCHEN. THAT'S OKAY, RIGHT?

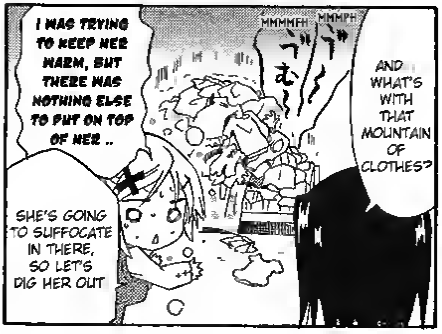

—IF YOU'RE ALL CHANGED, THEN HURRY UP AND GO TO SLEEP!!
MMKAY

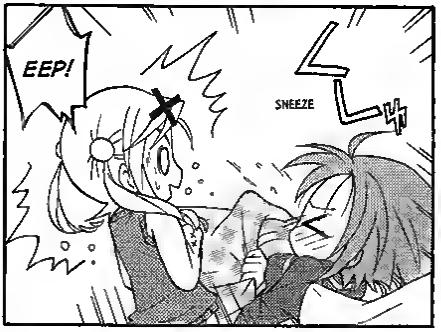

HUH? SENPAI, WHAT'S GOING ON?
JERK


SHE'S QUITE OBEDIENT. I WONDER IF THAT'S ONLY DUE TO HER CURRENT WEAKNESS.
EVEN STILL.


I-IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS THINKING ABOUT GOING TO GET A DAMP TOWEL, WAS GETTING CONCERNED ABOUT HER CONDITION, AND WAS PUZZLING OVER WHETHER I SHOULD GO GET IT OR STAY WITH HER OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
I... IS THAT SO
PANIC
PANIC
PANIC


I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE NURSING SOMEONE. W-W-WHAT DO I DO...
WATER?! DAMPEN A TOWEL AND...
PANT
PANT


I WAS TRYING TO KEEP HER WARM, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO PUT ON TOP OF HER..
MMMMPH
MMMPH
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT MOUNTAIN OF CLOTHES?
SHE'S GOING TO SUFFOCATE IN THERE, SO LET'S DIG HER OUT


EEP!
SNEEZE

PANT PANT
OH? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HELLO, ECHO. MOTHER IS BACK!
WELL THEN, WE'RE GOING TO GO HOME NOW.
MM-KAY.
YOU BEHAVE AND STAY IN BED.
WHY IS A HERO LAID UP IN BED DUE TO SOME LITTLE COLD?!!
CURE IT USING YOUR SPIRIT!!
BOOM
EIKO-CHAN CAUGHT A COLD AND BECAME OBEDIENT... THAT WAS A SURPRISING SIDE OF HER TO SEE, HUH?
AND SEEING YOU LOSE YOUR COOL, TOO, SENPAI ♪
LEAVE ME BE, PLEASE!
ZOOM
UNDER-STOOD, MOTHER !!
SHINE
WE'RE GOING TO RUN A SUNSET MARATHON AT THE BEACH!!
AHAHA...
I'D HAVE IT EASY IF SHE WERE NORMALLY THAT OBEDIENT.
Now, then First period
SINCE HIBIKI'S COLD HAS WORSENED, SHE'LL BE STAYING HOME TODAY.
I'M HOME.

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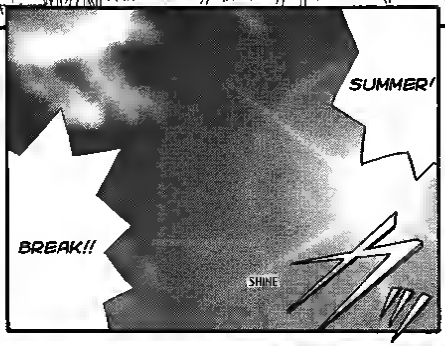
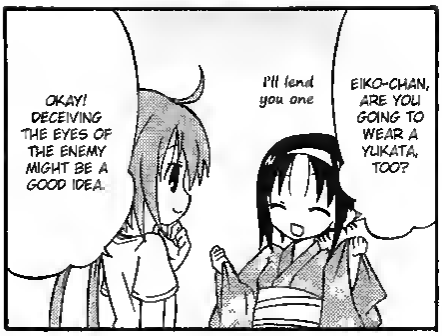
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT GOING AND HAVING FUN AT THE FESTIVAL THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS PUTTING ON?
...UMMM...
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ

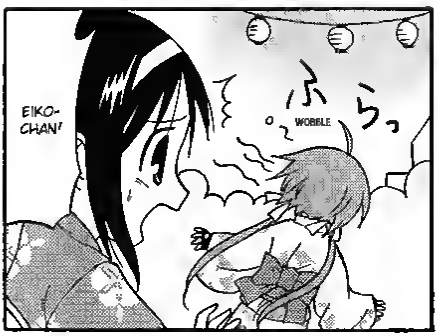

SUMMER!
BREAK!!
SHINE

IT'S EVEN WORSE THAT SHE'S NOT ACTUALLY JOKING
Ahaha...
WE'RE NOT GOING FOR FUN! IT'S THE DUTY OF A HERO!

WE'RE GOING TO GO ON PATROL IN A PLACE WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE!!
BUT EVIL CAN STRIKE AT ANY TIME!

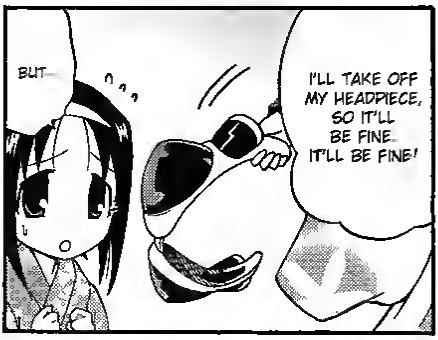


TL note: Shichihenge is a kabuki dance which involves seven quick costume changes


EIKO-CHAN!
WOBBLE
ふらっ

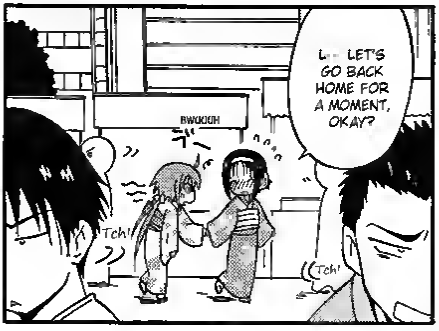
WEARING YOUR COSTUME AND A YUKATA IS WEIRD! WAY TOO WEIRD!!
BUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, AND I CAN'T TRANSFORM RIGHT AWAY, THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM

NO! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT OFF!!
DIZZY
くらくら
I'M OKAY I'M OKAY
ばっ

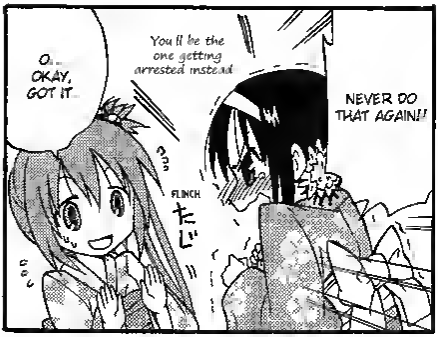

BUT—
I'LL TAKE OFF MY HEADPIECE, SO IT'LL BE FINE. IT'LL BE FINE!

MURMUR
Take it off?
Did she say take it off?
TWITCH
Take it off?

CHATTER
CHATTER


L— LET'S GO BACK HOME FOR A MOMENT, OKAY?
BWOOOH
Tch!
Tch!

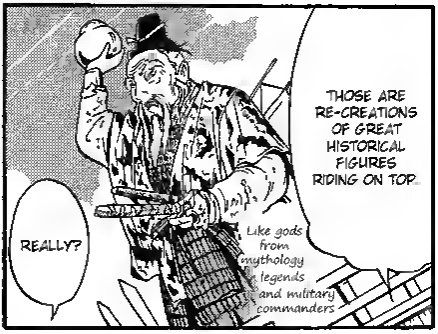
TO THINK THAT YOU'RE WEARING LAYERS IN THIS CROWD IN THE SUMMER HEAT—
STUFFY
むん
I'M FINE, I'M FINE. ♪
SWEAT SWEAT
だらだら


O... OKAY, GOT IT
You'll be the one getting arrested instead
NEVER DO THAT AGAIN!!
FLINCH

GUESS I CAN'T HELP IT

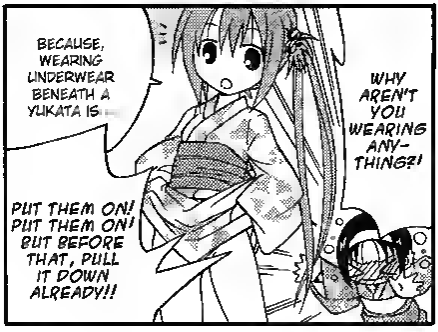
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
AH! HEY, LOOK AT THAT BIG FLOAT!

Ahaha that's true...
EVEN IF I CAN'T TRANSFORM, I CAN STILL FIGHT EVIL.
THOUGH IT MAY BECOME A WEAKNESS THAT IT'S KIND OF HARD TO MOVE AROUND IN THIS THING


THOSE ARE RE-CREATIONS OF GREAT HISTORICAL FIGURES RIDING ON TOP.
Like gods from mythology, legends and military commanders
REALLY?

MURMUR
IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I CAN DO THIS
LIFT
!!!

PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU... JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT, CAN YOU GET THAT KIND OF STUFF OUT OF YOUR HEAD?
WHEN DO THE GREAT HERO FLOATS COME BY?
EXCITED


BECAUSE, WEARING UNDERWEAR BENEATH A YUKATA IS...
WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING ANY-THING?!
PUT THEM ON! PUT THEM ON! BUT BEFORE THAT, PULL IT DOWN ALREADY!!

WHAT'S ALL THIS NOW, YOUNG LADY?
HARUKA! LET'S GET SOME YAKISOBA.
OKAY.
PANK PANK PANK
YOU CAN'T DECEIVE A HERO'S EYES.
I'M GLAD.
WHEN EIKO-CHAN'S NOT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HEROES, SHE'S JUST ANOTHER REGULAR GIRL.
THAT FACE AND THAT MOOD... THEFT, ROBBERY, BLACKMAIL... YOURS IS THE FACE OF A YAKUZA WHO'S SEEN IT ALL.
PRETTY CLEVER, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE A VILLAIN, AREN'T YOU! YOU SHALL BE PUNISHED!
WHUH?!
RIGHT AFTER I THINK THAT!!
Eek!
POINT
AND I JUST GOT BACK ON THE OUTSIDE.
!!
CLA

WELL, OKAY.
.....?
Come back any time! ♡
やきそば
I'VE DONE A LOOOOT OF BAD THINGS.
EIKO-CHAN!!
WHAT'S WRONG, HARUKA?
?
ぽふっ
PRESS
MY CRIMES SHOW ON MY FACE... DO THEY? GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT...
Heh heh
THANKS TO THAT, I CAN'T GET A PROPER JOB...
I... WON'T CARE ABOUT IT ANYMORE.
MUMBLE
ぼそぼそ
...I'VE DECIDED
...IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOUR EYES SHOW THE SPARKLE OF A MAN WITH A GOOD HEART!
THEY MAY REMAIN ON YOUR FACE, BUT...
IT'LL BE OKAY!
WHAT?!
UH... OKAY, UM
HUH?!
COME ON! LET'S GO!! PATROL!!
EEEEEH?!
THIS ONE'S ON THE HOUSE!!
WELL AREN'T YOU JUST GOING TO MAKE AN OLD MAN CRY!!
Extra large
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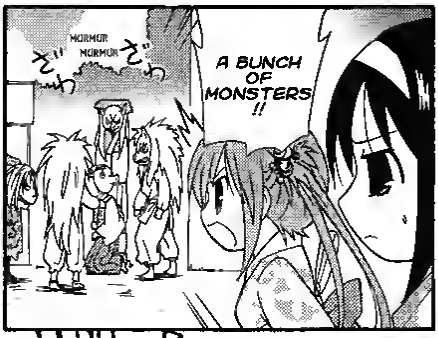
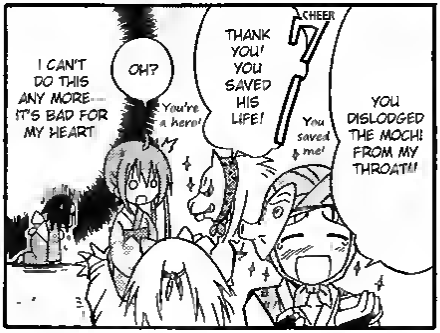
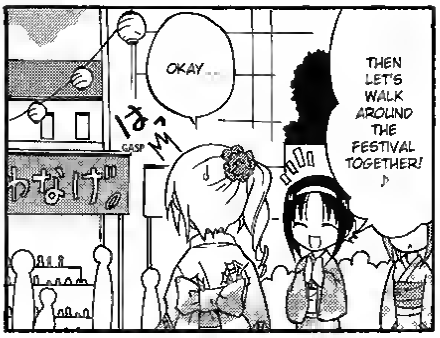
BOOOOM

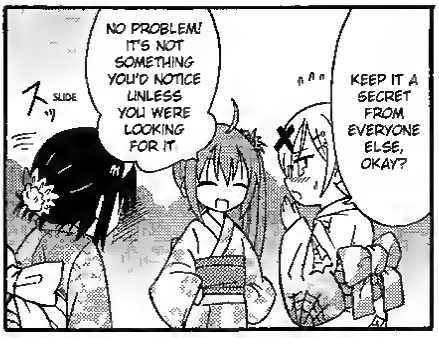


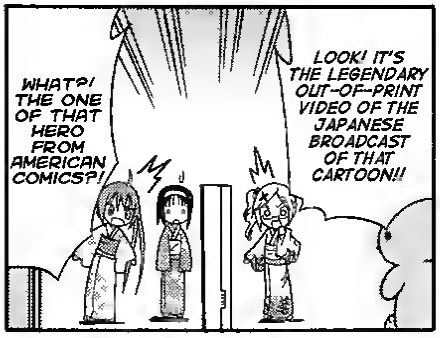
MY TIREDNESS HAS DOUBLED...
CLEVER OF YOU TO SEE IT ♪ I HAD IT SPECIALLY MADE TO ORDER FROM THE AMERICAN COMICS SHOP, AND...
Ooh!
IS THAT PATTERN ON YOUR YUKATA THE WEBSLINGER*?
WILT

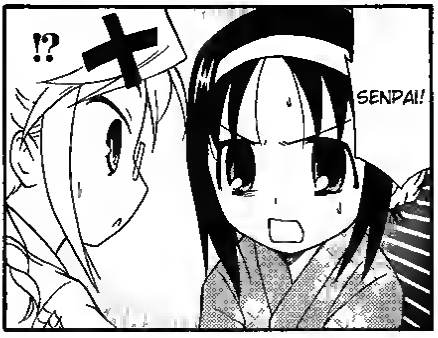

I CAN'T DO THIS ANY MORE— IT'S BAD FOR MY HEART
OH?
You're a hero!
THANK YOU! YOU SAVED HIS LIFE!
CHEER
You saved me!
YOU DISLODGED THE MOCHI FROM MY THROAT!!

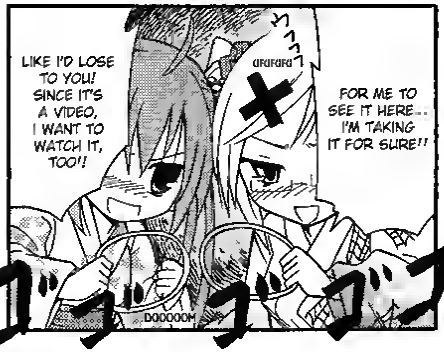
*A PET NAME FOR SPODERMAN


GASP
OKAY...
THEN LET'S WALK AROUND THE FESTIVAL TOGETHER! ♪


SLIDE
NO PROBLEM! IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU'D NOTICE UNLESS YOU WERE LOOKING FOR IT
KEEP IT A SECRET FROM EVERYONE ELSE, OKAY?


WHAT?! THE ONE OF THAT HERO FROM AMERICAN COMICS?!
LOOK! IT'S THE LEGENDARY OUT-OF-PRINT VIDEO OF THE JAPANESE BROADCAST OF THAT CARTOON!!


!?
SENPAI!


LIKE I'D LOSE TO YOU! SINCE IT'S A VIDEO, I WANT TO WATCH IT, TOO!!
DRIFDRFD
FOR ME TO SEE IT HERE... I'M TAKING IT FOR SURE!!
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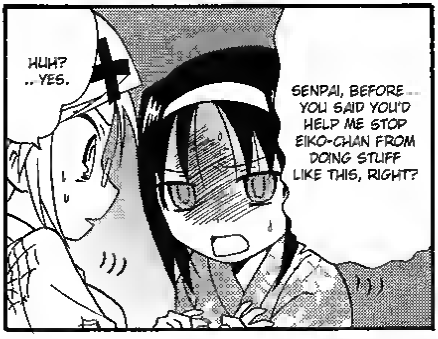
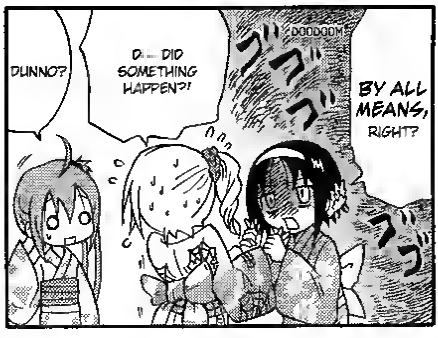
DOOOOOM


HUH? .. YES.
SENPAI, BEFORE... YOU SAID YOU'D HELP ME STOP EIKO-CHAN FROM DOING STUFF LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT IT WAS A SUMMER FESTIVAL FULL OF "I'M SO NICE FOR NOT DITCHING THEM" THOUGHTS, INSTEAD.
I WANNA GO HOME
RAAAAAGH
どりゃあああ
WOOSH WOOSH
WOOSH WOOSH
Woah


DUNNO?
D-- DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?!
DOODOOM
ゴゴゴゴ
BY ALL MEANS, RIGHT?

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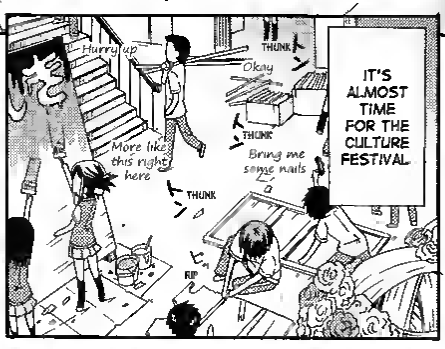
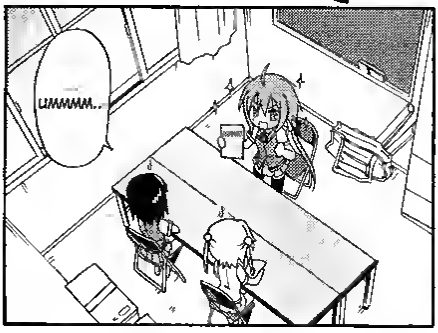
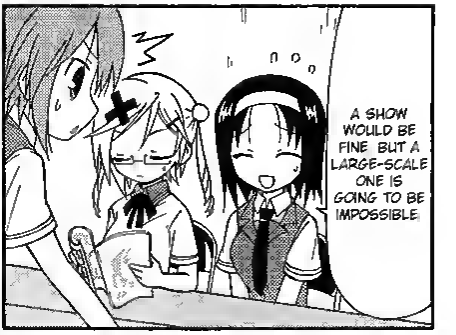
ECHO'S IMAGE
WE'LL PUT ON A PERFOR-MANCE JUST AS GOOD AS ANY BY SOIKI THEATRE COMPANY!!
BOOOOOM

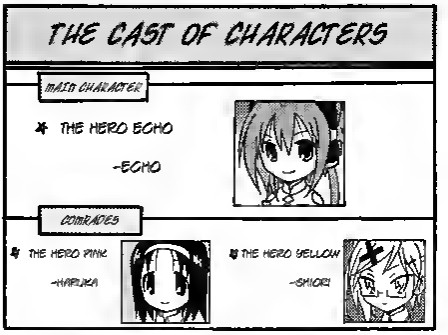

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL
Hurry up
More like this right here
Okay
Bring me some nails
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
RIP

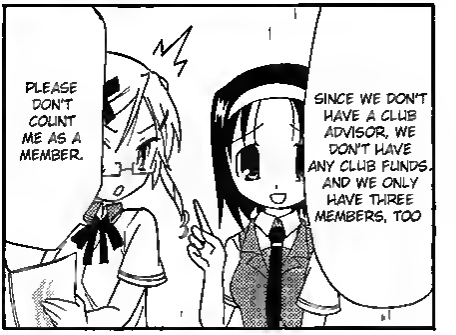

UMMMM..

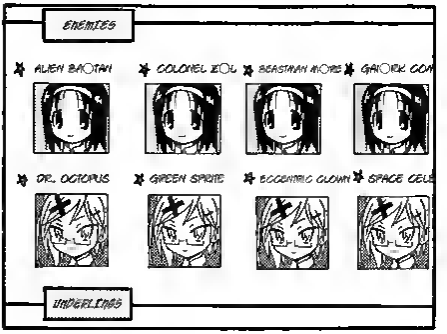
I FIGURED WE COULD DO A HERO SHOW!
SCENARIO
I'D LIKE THE SUPERHERO CLUB TO PARTICIPATE, TOO.

REALLY?
See?
THE PROBLEM WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAS BEEN RESOLVED! THE STORY AND CAST IS NOW DOABLE WITH THREE PEOPLE.

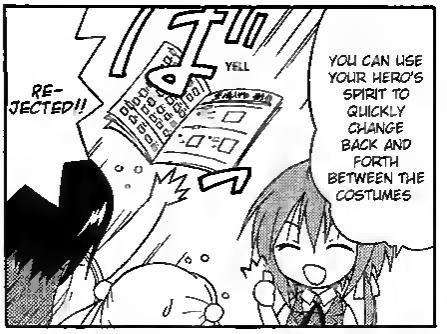

A SHOW WOULD BE FINE BUT A LARGE-SCALE ONE IS GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE.


THE CAST OF CHARACTERS
MAIN CHARACTER
THE HERO ECHO
-ECHO
COMRADES
THE HERO PINK
-HARUKA
THE HERO YELLOW
-SHIORI


PLEASE DON'T COUNT ME AS A MEMBER.
SINCE WE DON'T HAVE A CLUB ADVISOR, WE DON'T HAVE ANY CLUB FUNDS, AND WE ONLY HAVE THREE MEMBERS, TOO


ENEMIES
UNDERLINGS

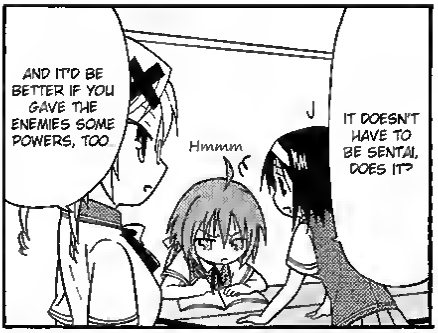
IT'S NOT AT ALL BECAUSE I'VE JOINED THIS CLUB!
I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M KEEPING AN EYE ON EIKO-SAN!

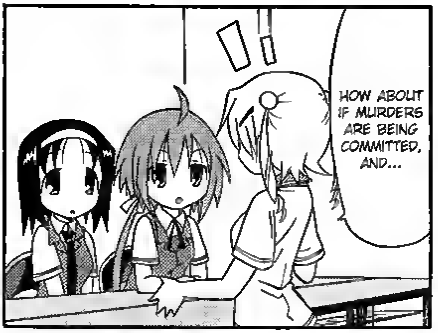

RE-JECTED!!
YELL
YOU CAN USE YOUR HERO'S SPIRIT TO QUICKLY CHANGE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE COSTUMES

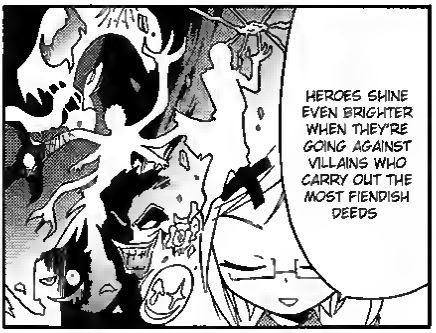
S-STOP!!
Heave Ho!
My Oasis!
TRASH
THEN I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER IF ALL THESE AMERICAN COMICS SITTING IN THE CORNER OF THE CLUB ROOM GET THROWN OUT.

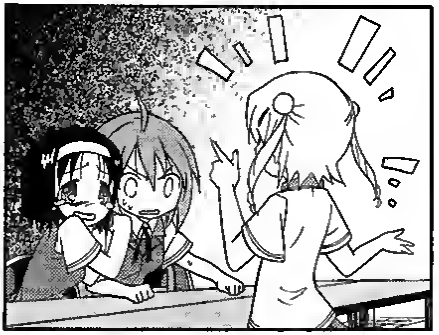
GUESS THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO...
AT ANY RATE, LET'S JUST MAKE IT WITH ONLY THREE CHARACTERS, OKAY?
SCENARIO
OF COURSE! IN THIS ONE SCENE HERE, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING FOUR PARTS!!
REALLY?
SCENARIO
OKAY, THEN THIS.
HERO A - ECHO
HERO B - HARU
HERO C - SHIORI
WHAT?! WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT AS A HERO, AN ENEMY, AND A COMMONER?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
That's not fair
AND FURTHERMORE, EIKO-CHAN, WHY ARE YOU ONLY PLAYING THE PART OF THE HERO ECHO?
THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE HEROES, BUT THEY HAVE DIFFERENT BIRTHPLACES, GOALS AND PERSONALITIES
BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY DISAGREE OVER HOW TO DO BATTLE AND END UP SQUABBLING OVER THE DIVISION OF CHORES
BUT IN THE END, USING THEIR FRIENDSHIP POWER, THEY'RE ABLE TO CALL FORTH A GIANT ROBOT AND DEFEAT THEIR ENEMIES
ECHO IS A HERO OF JUSTICE!
ADMIRED BY ALL!
CHEER
CHEER
A SENTAI HERO STORY THAT'S AN EPITOME OF HUMAN DRAMA LIKE THAT CAN'T BE DONE WITH JUST ONE HERO, RIGHT?
AND JUST HOW LONG AND HOW MANY ACTS IS THIS PLAY GOING TO BE?
I CAN'T DESTROY THAT IMAGE BY PLAYING OTHER PARTS, CAN I?
YOU'RE NOT THAT FAMOUS

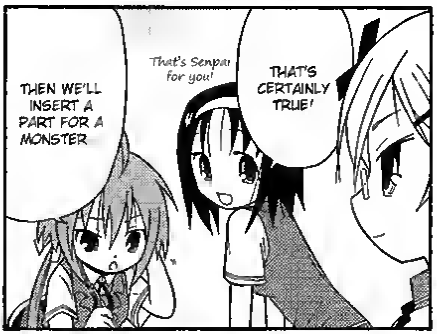
GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED... JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.
.....
LET'S SEE, WHAT IF.


AND IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU GAVE THE ENEMIES SOME POWERS, TOO
Hmmm
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SENTAI, DOES IT?

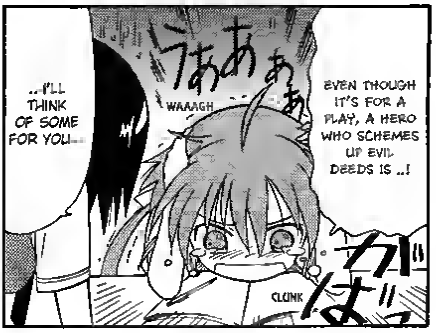

HOW ABOUT IF MURDERS ARE BEING COMMITTED, AND...


HEROES SHINE EVEN BRIGHTER WHEN THEY'RE GOING AGAINST VILLAINS WHO CARRY OUT THE MOST FIENDISH DEEDS




THEN WE'LL INSERT A PART FOR A MONSTER
That's Senpai for you!
THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE!

PLEASE DO NOT REFER TO ME AS THOUGH I AM EVIL INCARNATE
AS YOU'D EXPECT FROM SOMEONE WHO LOVES THOSE EXTREME AMERICAN COMICS
GULP
YOUR BRAIN IS FULL OF EVIL!!


...I'LL THINK OF SOME FOR YOU...
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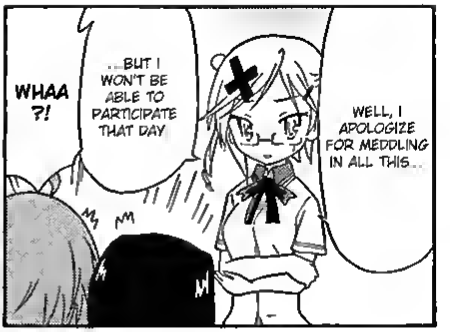
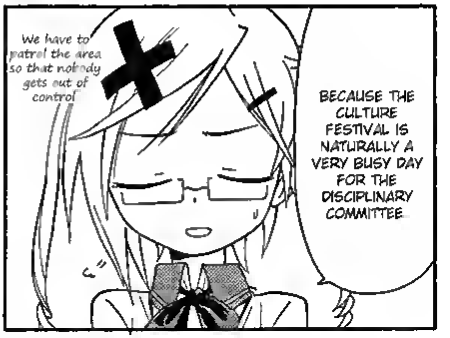
WAAAGH
EVEN THOUGH IT'S FOR A PLAY, A HERO WHO SCHEMES UP EVIL DEEDS IS ..!
CLUNK
ガ〜ン

OPEN
ガチャ
WAIT PLEASE, SENPAI!
UH, UH, UMMM...
ANYWAY, PLEASE JUST CONTINUE ON WITHOUT ME!
オロ
PANK
PANK

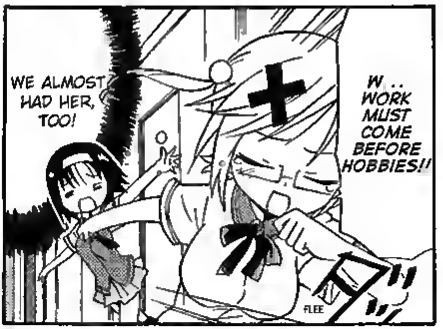

WHAA ?!
...BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE THAT DAY
WELL, I APOLOGIZE FOR MEDDLING IN ALL THIS...

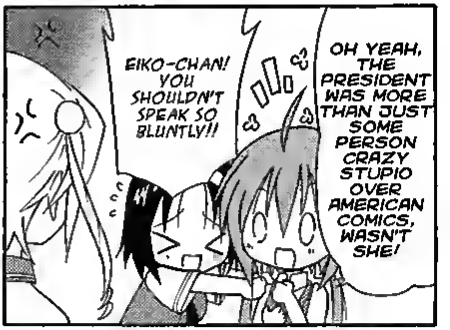
I could do the part of the enemy clown.
PERK
ABOUT THE PLAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK IF WE HAVE SENPAI DRESS UP AS BAOMAN AND JOIN UP WITH ECHO?


We have to patrol the area so that nobody gets out of control
BECAUSE THE CULTURE FESTIVAL IS NATURALLY A VERY BUSY DAY FOR THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

PERK
PERK
LIKE A CROSSOVER WITH AN AMERICAN COMICS HERO! THAT MIGHT BE GOOD!

Hm?
BOOOONG
AND AS THE PRESIDENT, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TAKE A BREAK FROM


WE ALMOST HAD HER, TOO!
W...WORK MUST COME BEFORE HOBBIES!!
FLEE


EIKO-CHAN! YOU SHOULDN'T SPEAK SO BLUNTLY!!
OH YEAH, THE PRESIDENT WAS MORE THAN JUST SOME PERSON CRAZY STUPIO OVER AMERICAN COMICS, WASN'T SHE!

PAT
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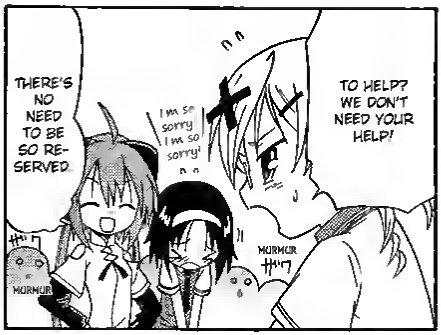
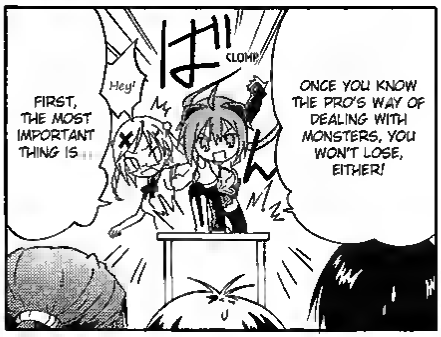
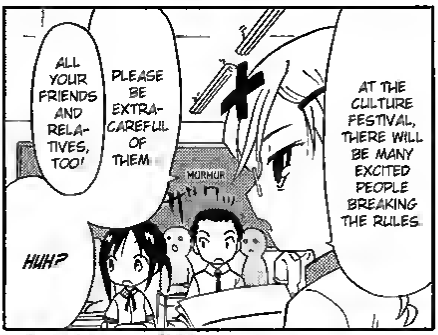
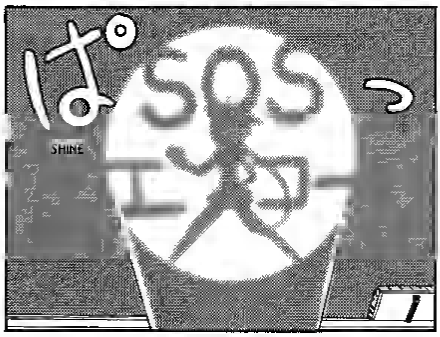
CHEER UP!
IF SHE HAS TO WORK, THEN IT'S AN UN-REASONABLE REQUEST ..
WE'LL HAVE A TON OF FUN ALL DAY AT THE CULTURE FESTIVAL!
BUT... ON THAT DAY, AS A HERO, I SHOULD PATROL THE...
SO WE'LL JUST ABANDON IT THIS TIME AROUND, I GUESS...
IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING IF ALL THE SUPERHERO CLUB MEMBERS CAN'T DO IT...
BUT THEN WOULDN'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE WHEN THEY'RE PUTTING SO MUCH SPIRIT INTO THEIR WORK?
I SEE!
LET'S GO HOME
AH...
THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD HELP THEM WITH THE DISCIPLINARY WORK EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE!
Let's go!
RUN
CRAP! SOME WEIRD SWITCH IN HER HAS BEEN FLIPPED?!
EIKO-CHAN..

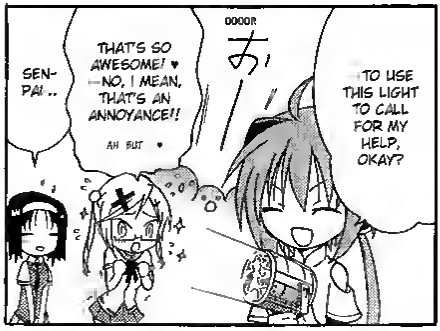






ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELA-TIVES, TOO!
PLEASE BE EXTRA-CAREFUL OF THEM.
MURMUR
HUH?
AT THE CULTURE FESTIVAL, THERE WILL BE MANY EXCITED PEOPLE BREAKING THE RULES.

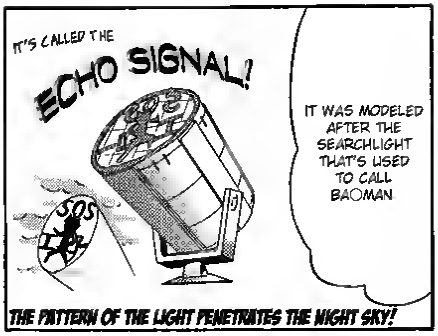


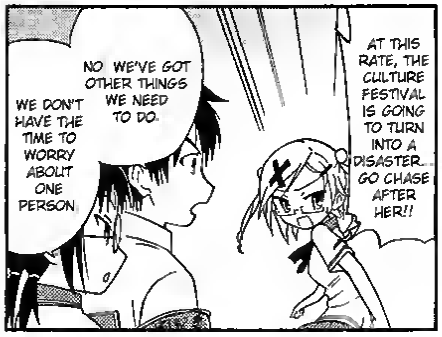

Light (SOS Echo)



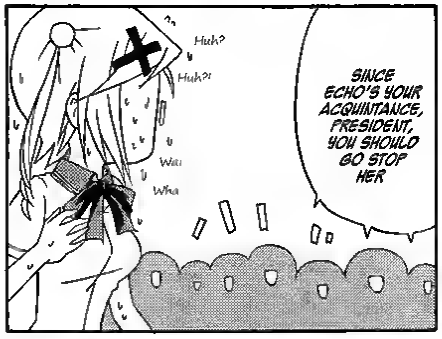
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?!
MURMUR MURMUR
MONSTERS WILL DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS YOUR ALLIES, TOO! YOU'VE GOT TO BE EXTRA-CAREFUL OF YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, TOO!!

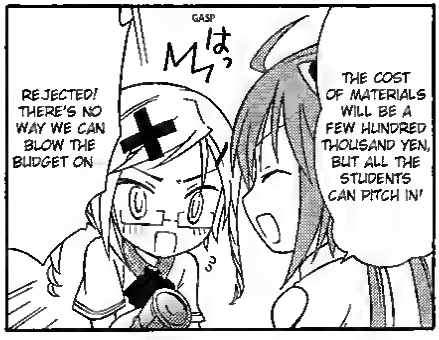
STOP RIGHT THERE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING AND WHY?!
RUN
MURMUR
MURMUR
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU! IT'LL BE FINE! JUST LEAVE IT ALL TO ME!


IT'S CALLED THE ECHO SIGNAL!
SOS
IT WAS MODELED AFTER THE SEARCHLIGHT THAT'S USED TO CALL BAOMAN
THE PATTERN OF THE LIGHT PENETRATES THE NIGHT SKY!


WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT ONE PERSON
NO WE'VE GOT OTHER THINGS WE NEED TO DO.
AT THIS RATE, THE CULTURE FESTIVAL IS GOING TO TURN INTO A DISASTER. GO CHASE AFTER HER!!

WE SHOULD DISTRIBUTE THESE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL FOR SAFETY PURPOSES!


Huh?
Huh?!
Wai
Wha
SINCE ECHO'S YOUR ACQUAINTANCE, PRESIDENT, YOU SHOULD GO STOP HER


GASP
REJECTED! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN BLOW THE BUDGET ON
THE COST OF MATERIALS WILL BE A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND YEN, BUT ALL THE STUDENTS CAN PITCH IN!

Senpai
Woohoo!!
CAN WE REALLY?!
So please just behave yourself on that day
ECHO... LET'S DO THE PLAY...

NOBODY IS GOING TO BE IN THAT MUCH DANGER DURING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL!!
YELL
IDIOT! IS MONEY MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMAN LIVES TO YOU?!
Besides the culture festival's during the daytime!!

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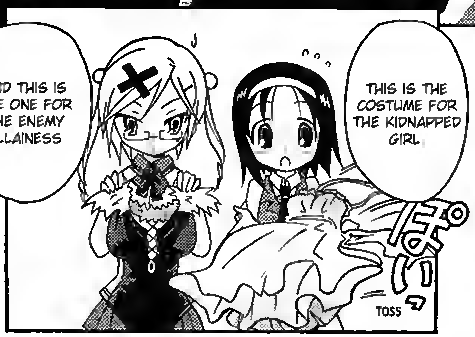
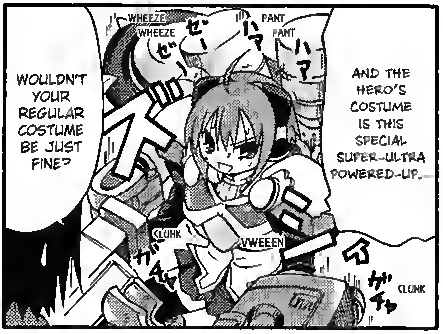
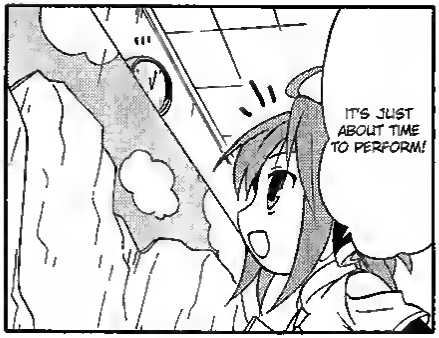

AND THIS IS THE ONE FOR THE ENEMY VILLAINESS
THIS IS THE COSTUME FOR THE KIDNAPPED GIRL
TOSS

CHATTER
CHATTER
Hmm...
Where should we go next?
CULTURE FESTIVAL
THE DAY OF THE CULTURE FESTIVAL

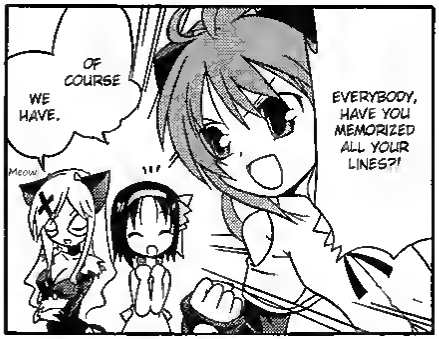

WHEEZE
WHEEZE
PANT
PANT
WOULDN'T YOUR REGULAR COSTUME BE JUST FINE?
AND THE HERO'S COSTUME IS THIS SPECIAL SUPER-ULTRA POWERED-UP...
CLUNK
WEEEN
CLUNK

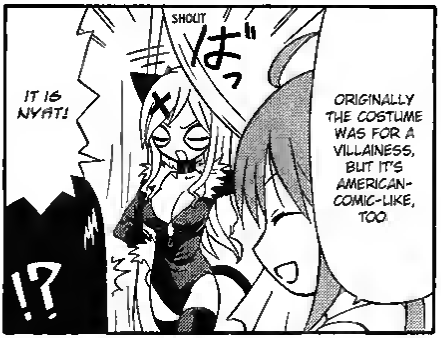
THE COSTUMES ARE DONE!
WE'RE DOING A HERO SHOW
SHOUT

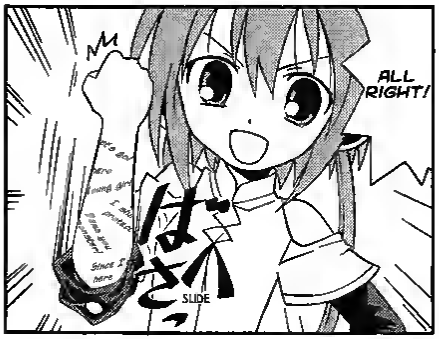
VILLAIN? ALLY? I'M NEITHER OF THOSE.
I'M THE CAPRICIOUS CAT.
YOU'RE DONE CHANGING?
YEAH... BUT...
NORMALLY, I WOULDN'T WEAR SOMETHING SO OPEN AROUND MY CHEST LIKE THIS
IT'S A LITTLE EMBARR-ASSING
FIDGET
SENPAI, YOUR COSTUME WAS PRETTY BOLD AND SKIMPY, TOO. IT BOTHERS YOU AS WELL, RIGHT?
GASP
JUST KIDDING
!!?
MRRROWN
ROAR
THIS OUTFIT! IF I WASN'T WEARING IT FOR THE PLAY, I'D TAKE IT OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
UNDER-STAND


IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME TO PERFORM!

IN CHARGE OF COSTUMES
YEAH!
DID YOU BY CHANCE MAKE THAT OUTFIT ACCORDING TO AMERICAN COMIC TASTES?


OF COURSE WE HAVE.
Meow
EVERYBODY, HAVE YOU MEMORIZED ALL YOUR LINES?!

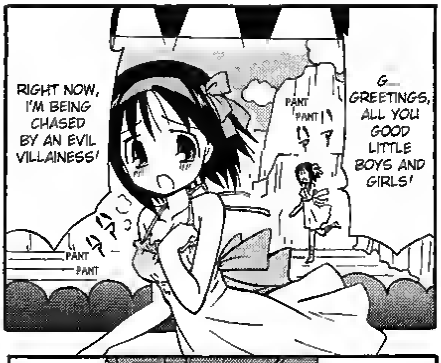

SHOUT
IT IS NYAT!
ORIGINALLY THE COSTUME WAS FOR A VILLAINESS, BUT IT'S AMERICAN-COMIC-LIKE, TOO.
!?


ALL RIGHT!
SLIDE

I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT AT ALL, MEOW!!
THIS KIND OF VAGUE, OVER-DONE, OLD-FASHIONED OUTFIT, MEOW...

WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO OUR BEST
HAH HAH HAH
RELAX! THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THEM DURING THE PERFORMANCE!
TUG TUG TUG
NYAA

WHEN WE FIRST MET, I USED TO THINK SHE WAS A MUCH MORE NORMAL PERSON...
DUHHH
DON'T MEOW-UNDERSTAND ME, MEOW!!


RIGHT NOW, I'M BEING CHASED BY AN EVIL VILLAINESS!
PANT
PANT
PANT
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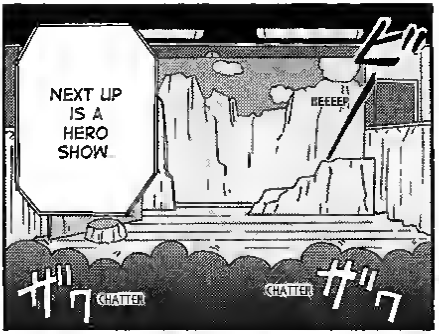
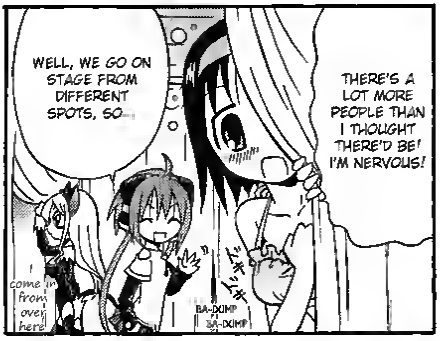
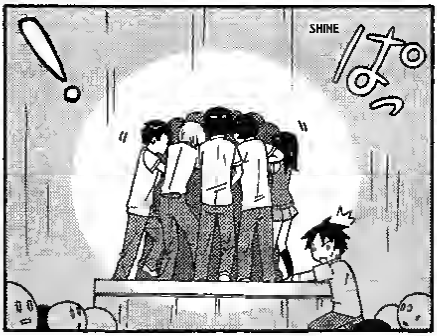
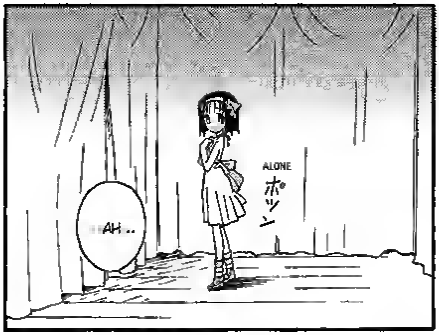
G... GREETINGS, ALL YOU GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS!

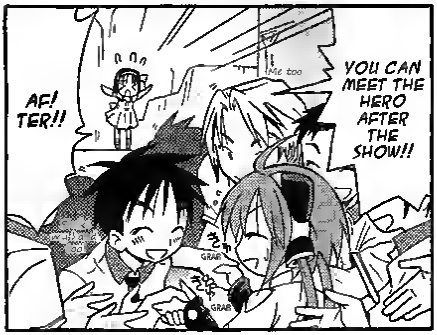

NEXT UP IS A HERO SHOW
BEEEEP
CHATTER
CHATTER

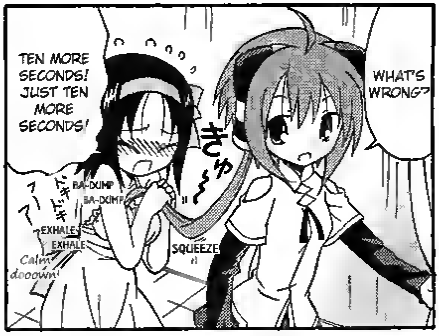
HERO ECHOOO!!
PLEASE HELP ME CALL FOR THE HERO OF JUSTICE!
MURMUR

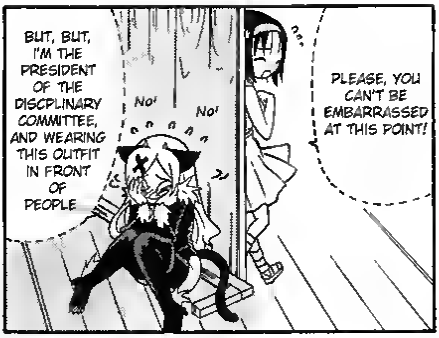

WELL, WE GO ON STAGE FROM DIFFERENT SPOTS, SO...
THERE'S A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAN I THOUGHT THERE'D BE! I'M NERVOUS!
I come in from over here!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

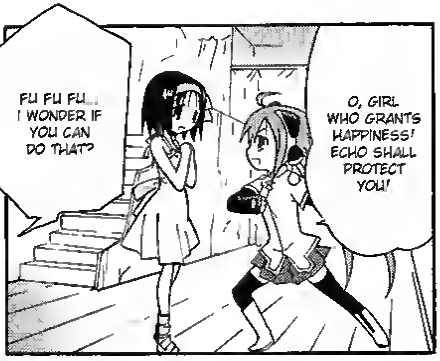

SHINE


ALONE
AH..

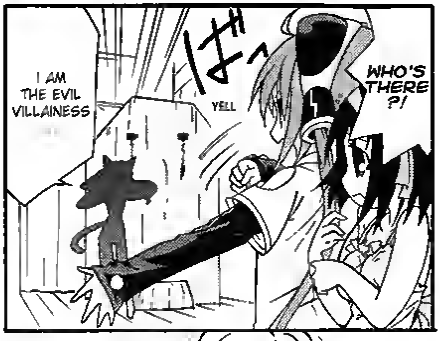

AF! TER!!
Me too
YOU CAN MEET THE HERO AFTER THE SHOW!!
GRAB
GRAB

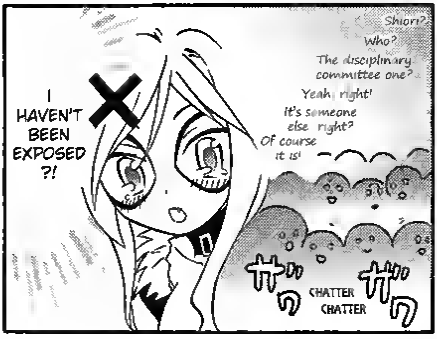

TEN MORE SECONDS! JUST TEN MORE SECONDS!
WHAT'S WRONG?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
EXHALE
EXHALE
SQUEEZE
Calm down!


BUT, BUT, I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, AND WEARING THIS OUTFIT IN FRONT OF PEOPLE
No!
No!
PLEASE, YOU CAN'T BE EMBARRASSED AT THIS POINT!

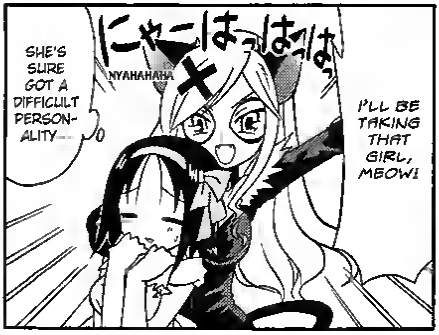

FU FU FU... I WONDER IF YOU CAN DO THAT?
O, GIRL WHO GRANTS HAPPINESS! ECHO SHALL PROTECT YOU!

THE MONSTER PART IS PLAYED BY YELLOW, SHIORI!
WHO WAS THAT JUST NOW?
CHATTER CHATTER
Dunno?
AGH!


I AM THE EVIL VILLAINESS
YELL
WHO'S THERE?!


I HAVEN'T BEEN EXPOSED?!
Shiori?
Who?
The disciplinary committee one?
Yeah, right!
It's someone else, right?
Of course it is!
CHATTER CHATTER

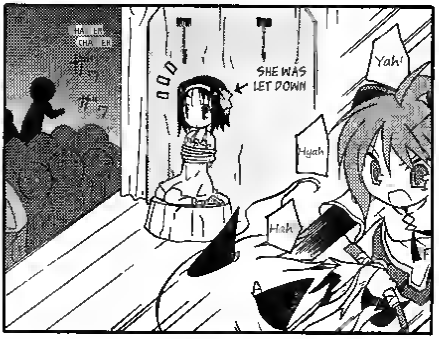
BLUSH
I'LL BE... T-TAKING T-THAT GIRL...
QUIVER QUIVER
MEOW?


SHE'S SURE GOT A DIFFICULT PERSONALITY...
NYAHAHAHA
I'LL BE TAKING THAT GIRL, MEOW!

SENPAI...
MEO-OOW!!
DART
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
Ahh!

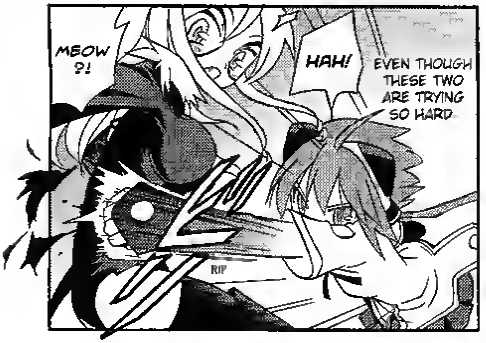
HAH! I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN INSTEAD, MEOW!
GIVE ME THE GIRL!
WHOOSH

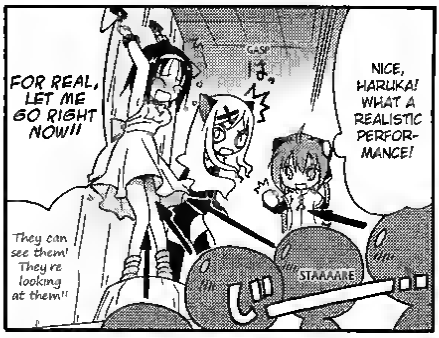
RATTLE RATTLE
WITH ALL THE HAPPINESS IN OUR HANDS, THE WORLD BELONGS TO US, MEOW!
ECHO! HELP ME!!


SHE WAS LET DOWN
Yah!
Hyah
Hah

MAYBE A HERO SHOW IS TOO CHILDISH FOR HIGH-SCHOOLERS AFTER ALL
PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO GET UP AND LEAVE
YAWN

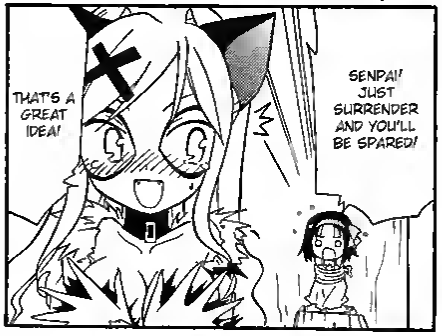
LET ME GO!!
NO! PLEASE!!
RATTLE RATTLE


MEOW ?!
HAH!
EVEN THOUGH THESE TWO ARE TRYING SO HARD
RIP


FOR REAL, LET ME GO RIGHT NOW!!
GASP
NICE, HARUKA! WHAT A REALISTIC PERFORMANCE!
They can see them! They're looking at them!!
STAAAARE

IS THIS WHAT ECHO WAS TRYING TO DO?
AMAZING! THE EYES OF THE AUDIENCE ARE GLUED TO THE STAGE!
CHEER
CHEER

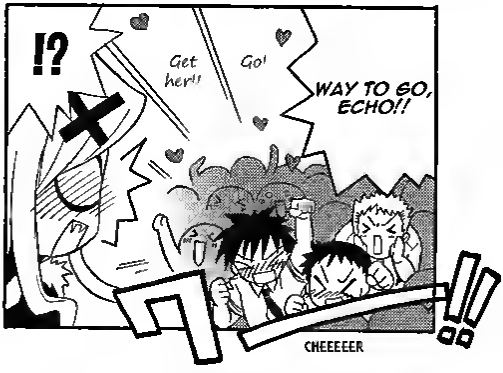
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WAI-!
STOP!
BUT IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS, I FEEL BAD FOR SENPAI
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
CHEER
CHEER

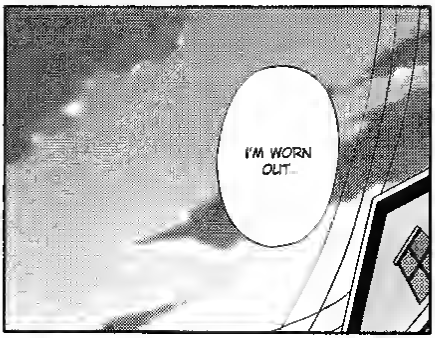

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
SENPAI! JUST SURRENDER AND YOU'LL BE SPARED!

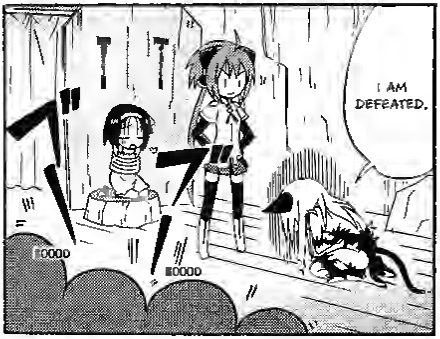
UGH THE GUYS ARE
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT?
DOOOOOOM

WHAT?!
WHEN HER ATTACK HITS MY COSTUME, IT'S TEARING APART...!!
TATTER
TATTER

REAL-ISTIC, HUH?
YOU DID THIS ON PURPOSE?! I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THIS, MISS COSTUME DIRECTOR!!

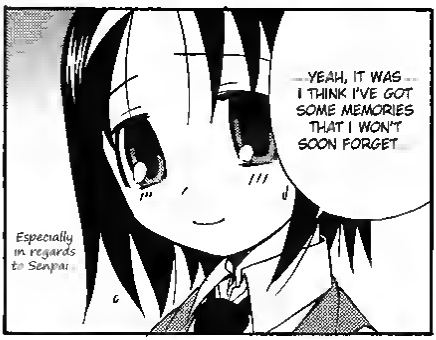

!?
Get her!!
Go!
WAY TO GO, ECHO!!
CHEEEEER

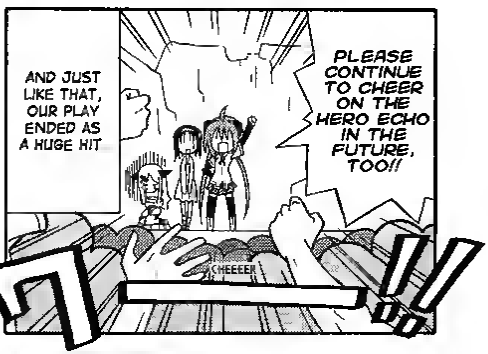

I'M WORN OUT...

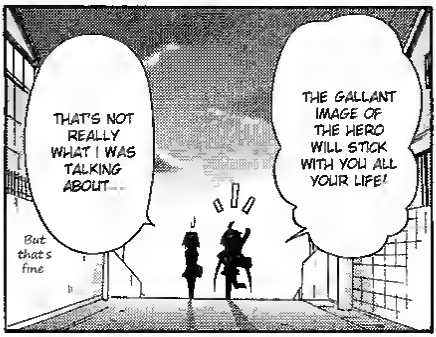

I AM DEFEATED.
GOOOD
GOOOD

BUT IT SURE WAS FUN
SIGH
I HAVE A FEELING THIS WAS THE MOST TROUBLESOME CULTURE FESTIVAL THEY'VE HAD YET...

T-THANK YOU
BE AT EASE! EVIL HAS BEEN BEATEN BY THE HERO!


...YEAH, IT WAS... I THINK I'VE GOT SOME MEMORIES THAT I WON'T SOON FORGET...
Especially in regards to Senpai


AND JUST LIKE THAT, OUR PLAY ENDED AS A HUGE HIT
PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHEER ON THE HERO ECHO IN THE FUTURE, TOO!!
CHEEEER


THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT...
THE GALLANT IMAGE OF THE HERO WILL STICK WITH YOU ALL YOUR LIFE!
But that's fine

YAP YAP YAP
BUT WE WERE THOROUGHLY CHEWED OUT BY THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OVER WHAT THEY DEEMED DISAGREEABLE CONTENT
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

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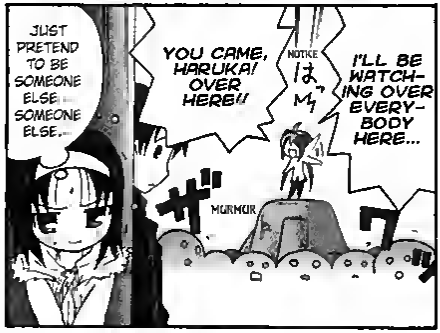
I AM THE SUPER-HERO ECHO!!
RUCKUS
GREETINGS, PATRONS OF THE MALL! NICE TO MEET YOU!
That's dangerous Come down
THE WORLD'S FAMOUS MUSIC STATUE

SURE!!
MORNING, HARUKA. DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE MALL WITH ME?
TODAY IS SUN-DAY

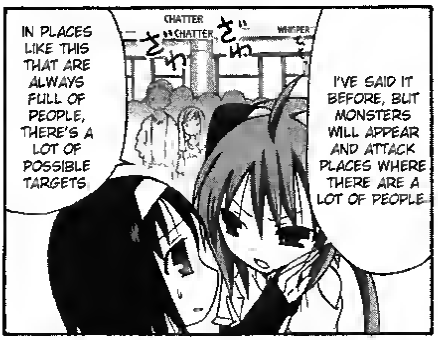

JUST PRETEND TO BE SOMEONE ELSE... SOMEONE ELSE...
YOU CAME, HARUKA! OVER HERE!!
NOTICE
はっ
MURMUR
ザ
I'LL BE WATCH-ING OVER EVERY-BODY HERE...

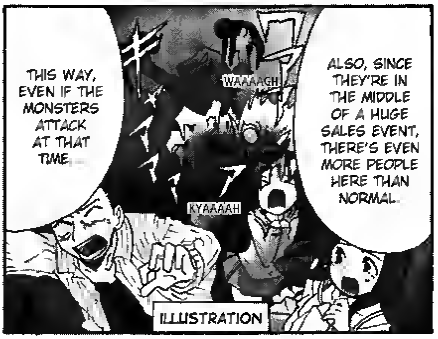
I THINK I'LL DRESS UP A LITTLE BIT. ♡
EXCITED
うき。
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN TO THE MALL ♡

HARUKA, THAT OUTFIT...
EH?
AND SO, THAT'S WHY TODAY WE'LL BE PATROLLI...
HM?

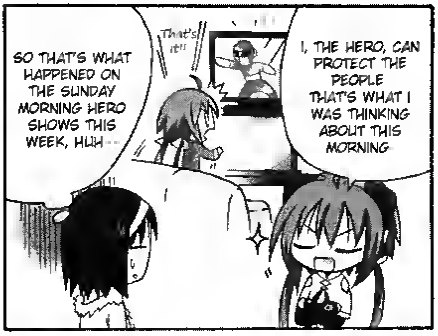
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT? WE CAME HERE TO WATCH OVER EVERYONE IN THE MALL
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
This is bothersome
I'm sorry!

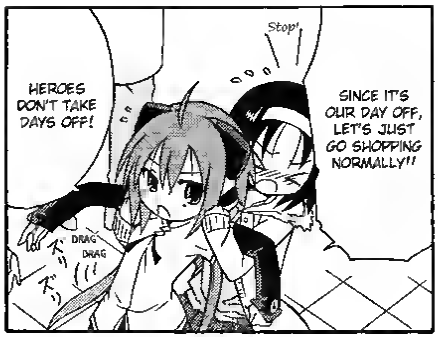
EHEHE. I TRIED TO PUT A LITTLE SPIRIT INTO DRESSING UP
DO I LOOK WEIRD?


IN PLACES LIKE THIS THAT ARE ALWAYS FULL OF PEOPLE, THERE'S A LOT OF POSSIBLE TARGETS
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHISPER
I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, BUT MONSTERS WILL APPEAR AND ATTACK PLACES WHERE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE


THIS WAY, EVEN IF THE MONSTERS ATTACK AT THAT TIME...
WAAAAGH
KYAAAAH
ALSO, SINCE THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A HUGE SALES EVENT, THERE'S EVEN MORE PEOPLE HERE THAN NORMAL.
ILLUSTRATION

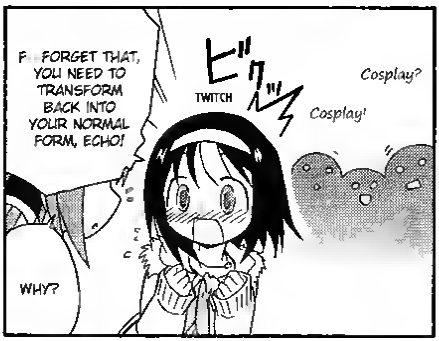
I THINK I'LL BE OKAY ON THAT POINT, SO PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
Kyaaah!! I've been caught!!
WON'T IT BE HARD TO MOVE WHEN WE'RE IN BATTLE WITH THE MONSTERS?


SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED ON THE SUNDAY MORNING HERO SHOWS THIS WEEK, HUH...
That's it!!
I, THE HERO, CAN PROTECT THE PEOPLE THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT THIS MORNING

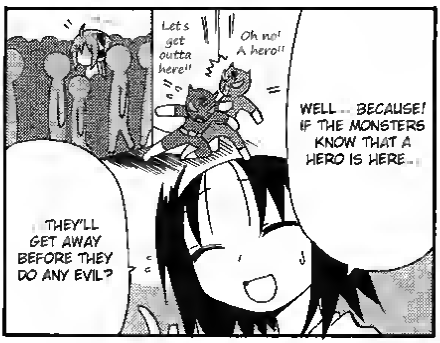

Stop!
HEROES DON'T TAKE DAYS OFF!
SINCE IT'S OUR DAY OFF, LET'S JUST GO SHOPPING NORMALLY!!
DRAG
DRAG

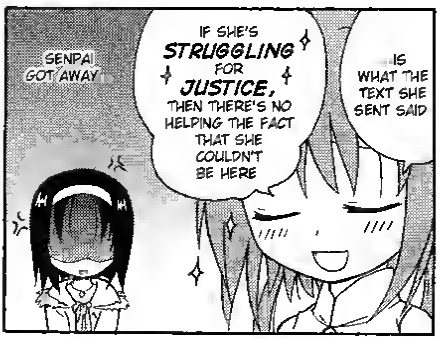
I CAN HOLD OUT FOR MY WHOLE LIFE IF I NEED TO...
PAT
PAT
SIGH
YOUR COSTUME WILL BE READY TO USE VERY SOON, SO JUST HOLD OUT UNTIL THEN, OKAY?

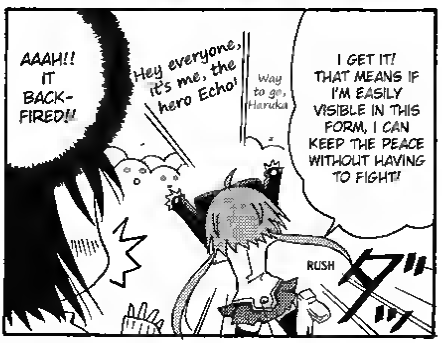
THAT REMINDS ME, WHERE IS SENPAI?
THE PRESIDENT'S TRYING HER HARDEST, TOO! SO WE NEED TO BE DOING THE SAME!


F... FORGET THAT, YOU NEED TO TRANSFORM BACK INTO YOUR NORMAL FORM, ECHO!
TWITCH
Cosplay?
Cosplay!
WHY?

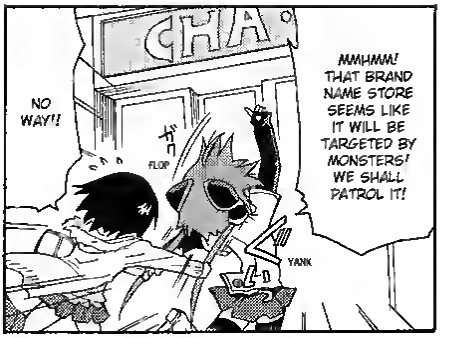
STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE!
PROTECTING THE SCHOOL AS PART OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, EVEN ON MY DAY OFF IS MY OWN...

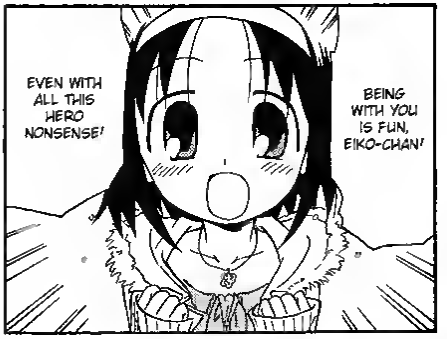

Let's get outta here!!
Oh no! A hero!!
WELL... BECAUSE! IF THE MONSTERS KNOW THAT A HERO IS HERE...
THEY'LL GET AWAY BEFORE THEY DO ANY EVIL?


...SENPAI GOT AWAY
IF SHE'S STRUGGLING FOR JUSTICE, THEN THERE'S NO HELPING THE FACT THAT SHE COULDN'T BE HERE
...IS WHAT THE TEXT SHE SENT SAID

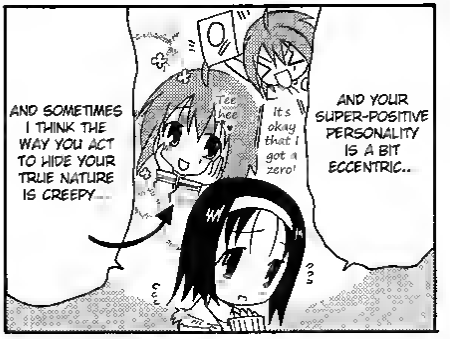

AAAH!! IT BACK-FIRED!!
Hey everyone, it's me, the hero Echo!
Way to go, Haruka
I GET IT! THAT MEANS IF I'M EASILY VISIBLE IN THIS FORM, I CAN KEEP THE PEACE WITHOUT HAVING TO FIGHT!
RUSH

N-N-N-NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
I GET IT NOW... THAT'S WHY YOU ALWAYS HAD A TROUBLED LOOK ON YOUR FACE...
SHOUT

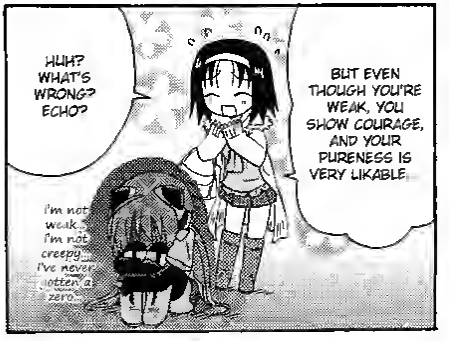

NO WAY!!
MMHMM! THAT BRAND NAME STORE SEEMS LIKE IT WILL BE TARGETED BY MONSTERS! WE SHALL PATROL IT!
FLOP
YANK


EVEN WITH ALL THIS HERO NONSENSE!
BEING WITH YOU IS FUN, EIKO-CHAN!

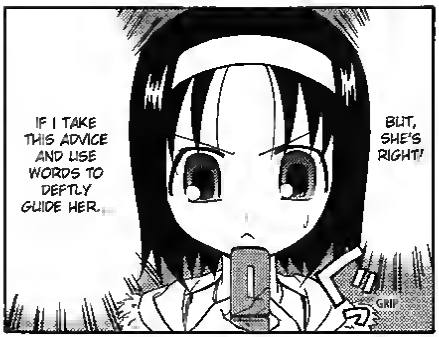
SIGH
SORRY... I'M GOING TO GO HOME...
NOW THAT SHE'S EVEN DRESSING UP AS A HERO DURING DAYS OFF, I CAN'T IGNORE IT ANY MORE...
HUH?!

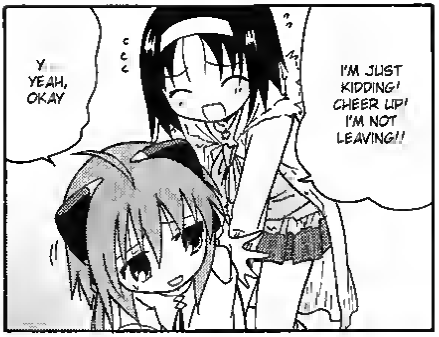

AND SOMETIMES I THINK THE WAY YOU ACT TO HIDE YOUR TRUE NATURE IS CREEPY...
Tee hee
It's okay that I got a zero!
AND YOUR SUPER-POSITIVE PERSONALITY IS A BIT ECCENTRIC...

W... WAIT! HEROES DON'T TAKE DAYS OFF!
THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME PEOPLE HERE THAT WILL REQUIRE YOUR POWERS, TOO, HARUKA

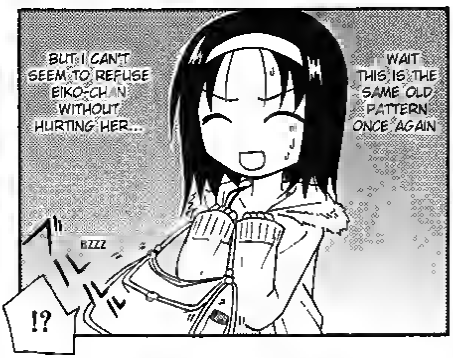

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG? ECHO?
BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE WEAK, YOU SHOW COURAGE, AND YOUR PURENESS IS VERY LIKABLE...
I'm not weak. I'm not creepy... I've never gotten a zero...

...EH?!
...OR IS IT THAT YOU DON'T LIKE... BEING WITH ME?


IF I TAKE THIS ADVICE AND USE WORDS TO DEFTLY GUIDE HER...
BUT, SHE'S RIGHT!
GRIP


I'M JUST KIDDING! CHEER UP! I'M NOT LEAVING!!
Y-YEAH, OKAY

!?
ECHO, DOESN'T THAT SEAL STORE LOOK SUSPICIOUS?
I MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY SHOPPING!!
CHATTER CHATTER
SALE


BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO REFUSE EIKO-CHAN WITHOUT HURTING HER...
WAIT THIS IS THE SAME OLD PATTERN ONCE AGAIN
BZZZ
!?

WE SHOULD GO INVESTIGATE IT BY BUYING SOME CLOTHES THERE!
Sparkles of hypnosis
WITH ALL THE PEOPLE HANGING AROUND THAT ONE STORE, THE CLOTHES THERE MIGHT BE A TRICK OF THE MONSTERS!

SENPAI THANK YOU! YOU'VE GOT PERFECT TIMING...
Sub How to stop Eiko
The trick to stopping Eiko is to use a lot of words like "hero" or "justice."
Do your best!!
FIGHT!
-END-

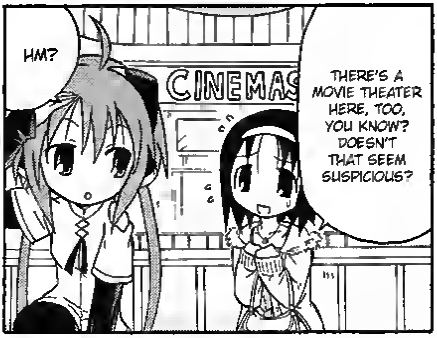
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO USE COMMON SENSE NOW OF ALL TIMES?
What are you on about?
ISN'T IT NORMAL FOR PEOPLE TO SHOW UP AT A SALE?

SMILE
TWITCH
CRACK
THAT'S NOT GOING TO SAVE YOU AT ALL, LITTLE MISS RUNAWAY ♡
What kind of punishment shall I give her? ♡

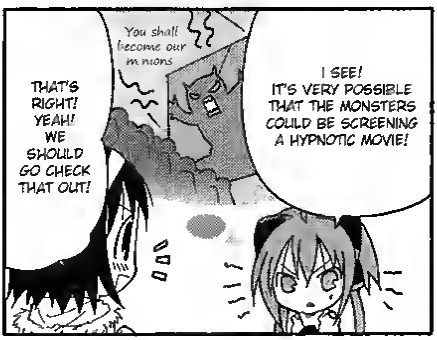
SCOWL
SCOWL
BOW BOW

Hmm I don't see any monsters
I WON'T BE BROKEN! I'LL USE ANOTHER METHOD INSTEAD OF SHOPPING!!

They're not around at all
DAMN IT! I WAS SURE THERE WERE MONSTERS LURKING AROUND HERE, TOO

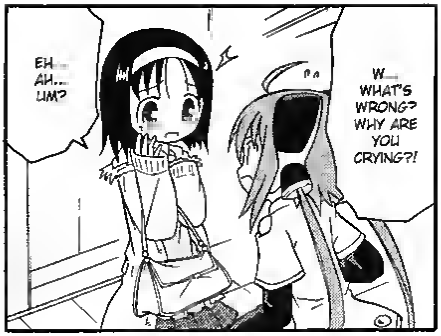

HM?
CINEMA
THERE'S A MOVIE THEATER HERE, TOO, YOU KNOW? DOESN'T THAT SEEM SUSPICIOUS?

SO, CAN WE HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER NOW?
Cosplay!
SURELY THEY WERE ALL INTIMIDATED BY YOUR POWER, ECHO, AND RAN AWAY


You shall become our minions
THAT'S RIGHT! YEAH! WE SHOULD GO CHECK THAT OUT!
I SEE! IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THAT THE MONSTERS COULD BE SCREENING A HYPNOTIC MOVIE!

THEY'RE NOT IN THERE! ALL THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS US GETTING YELLED AT AGAIN!
STAFF ONLY
Grr! It won't open!
RATTLE RATTLE
THEN THEY MUST BE IN PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN'T GET IN LIKE USUAL!!

WAAGH
ECHO !!
LET ME IN! I THINK THERE ARE MONSTERS IN THERE!
MISS! NO CUSTOMERS ARE ALLOWED IN HERE!
WAAGH


EH... AH... UM?
W... WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!

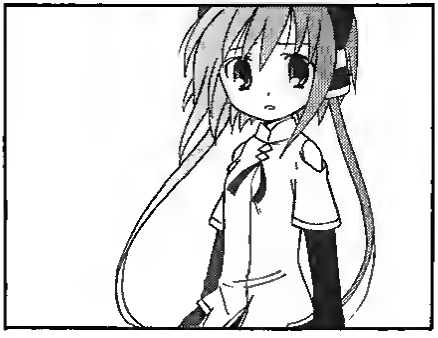
JUST AS I THOUGHT
This is really suspicious though...

AH...! EHEHE, WHAT AM I SAYING?
I.. IT'S NOTHING! I JUST REALLY WANTED TO HAVE A NORMAL FUN DAY WITH YOU, EIKO-CHAN..
START?

MY HOPE FOR SPENDING A DAY OFF HAVING NORMAL FUN WITH EIKO-CHAN

SEE YOU TOMORROW!
I'M GOING TO GO HOME, AFTER ALL, OKAY?
AH!
STEP

STAFF ONLY
HEY, HARUKA...
IS PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE



HARU-KA...?
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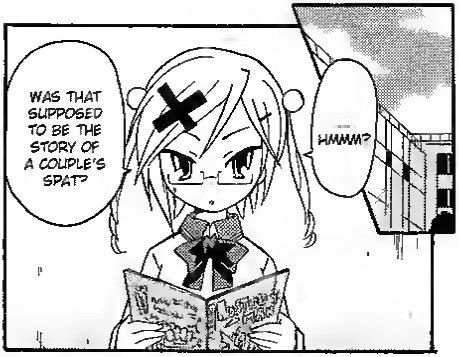
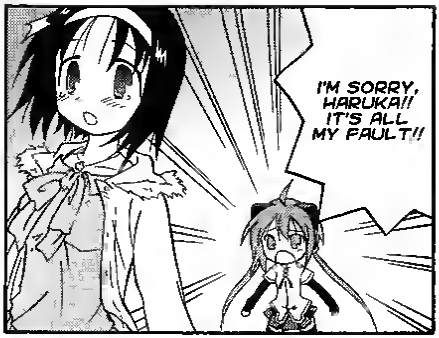
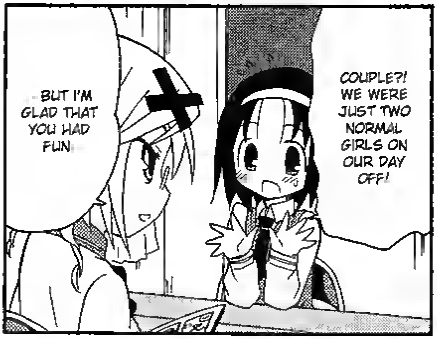
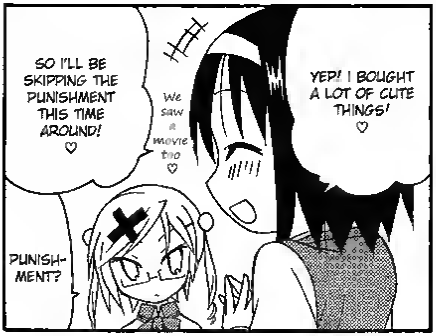
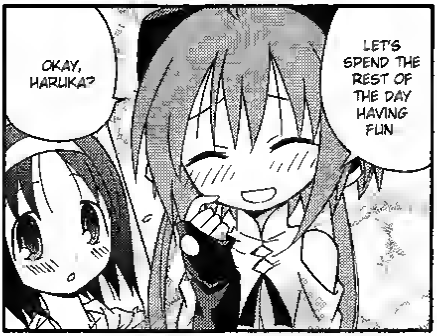

WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE THE STORY OF A COUPLE'S SPAT?
HMMM?

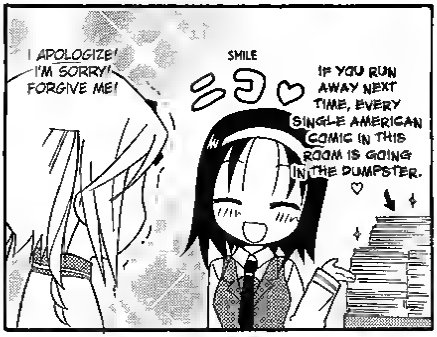

I'M SORRY, HARUKA!! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!!


BUT I'M GLAD THAT YOU HAD FUN.
COUPLE?! WE WERE JUST TWO NORMAL GIRLS ON OUR DAY OFF!

PROTECTING THE HAPPINESS OF COMRADES IS THE DUTY OF A HERO, TOO.
EH?
EH?!


SO I'LL BE SKIPPING THE PUNISHMENT THIS TIME AROUND! ♡
We saw a movie too ♡
YEP! I BOUGHT A LOT OF CUTE THINGS! ♡
PUNISH-MENT?


OKAY, HARUKA?
LET'S SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY HAVING FUN


I APOLOGIZE! I'M SORRY! FORGIVE ME!
SMILE
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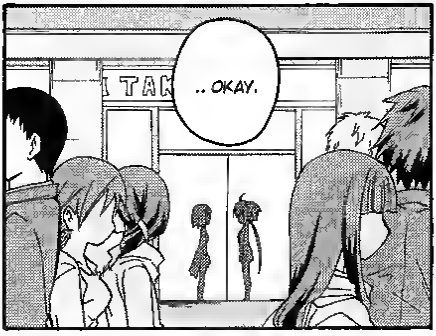
IF YOU RUN AWAY NEXT TIME, EVERY SINGLE AMERICAN COMIC IN THIS ROOM IS GOING IN THE DUMPSTER. ♡


.. OKAY.

TINY
ちっちゃい～
CUTE
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EIKO-CHAN AND I
TAKING EXAMS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
DIFFICULT
つらい～
ECHO WITH HERO

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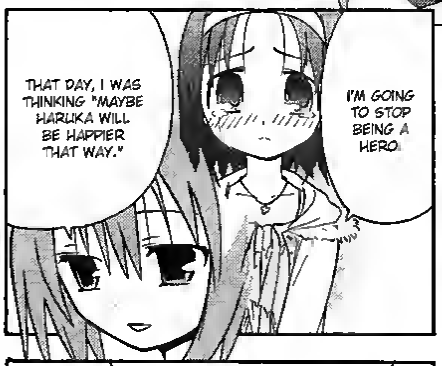
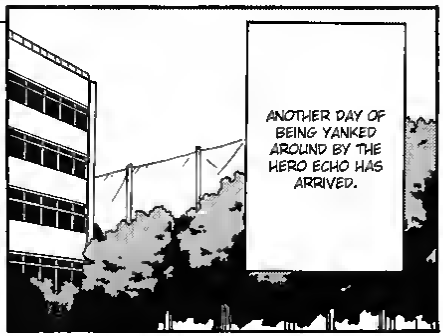
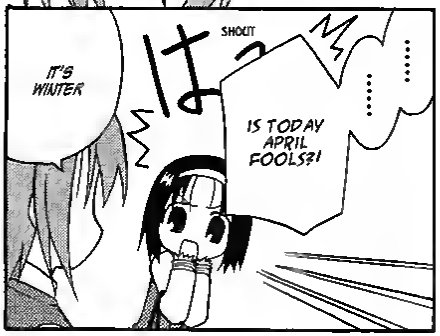

THAT DAY, I WAS THINKING "MAYBE HARUKA WILL BE HAPPIER THAT WAY."
I'M GOING TO STOP BEING A HERO.


ANOTHER DAY OF BEING YANKED AROUND BY THE HERO ECHO HAS ARRIVED.


IT'S WINTER
SHOUT
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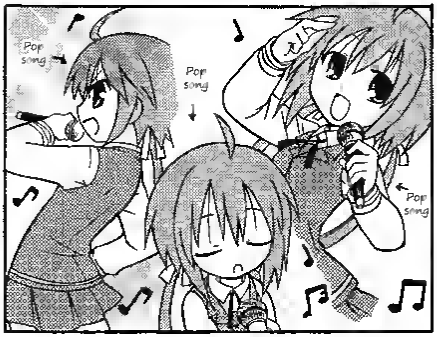
IS TODAY APRIL FOOLS?!

HARUKA
SIGH
I DO LIKE EIKO-CHAN, BUT I WISH SHE'D STOP PLAYING HERO ALREADY

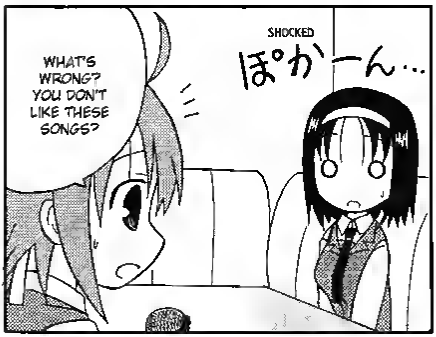
HARUKAAA! ♪
CLOMP CLOMP CLOMP
I WANT YOU TO ENJOY A REGULAR LIFE IN HIGH SCHOOL
I WON'T BE ECHO IN FRONT OF YOU ANY MORE, HARUKA
WILL YOU STILL BE MY FRIEND EVEN IF I STOP BEING A HERO?
OF COURSE!!
LET ME COPY YOUR HOMEWORK ♡
NO, WAY. ♡
THANK YOU, EIKO-CHAN!!
LET'S TRADE NOTES ♡
GO TO HELL. ♡
AUUU
FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, I NO LONGER SAW ECHO

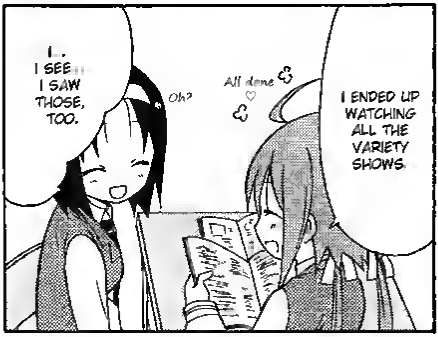
IS SHE THINKING OF SINGING NOTHING BUT HERO SONGS?!

Ah! I get it
This is how you solve this problem
BECAUSE ALL THE TV SHOWS WERE INTERESTING!
WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING IT WITH YOU?

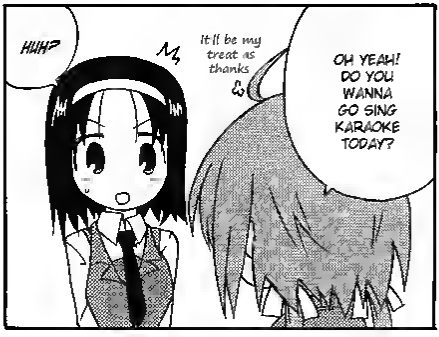

Pop song
Pop song
Pop song

IS TALKING ABOUT HERO SHOWS GOING TO FLIP HER SWITCH?!
UH, OH!!


SHOCKED
ぽかーん…
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LIKE THESE SONGS?


I ENDED UP WATCHING ALL THE VARIETY SHOWS.
All done
Oh?
I.. I SEE... I SAW THOSE, TOO.

NO, I DO!
I'M HAVING FUN!!


HUH?
It'll be my treat as thanks
OH YEAH! DO YOU WANNA GO SING KARAOKE TODAY?

MORNING!
MORNIN', HARUKA! YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY ENERGETIC LATELY
ALL MY WORRIES ARE GONE, AND EVERY DAY IS FULL AND COMPLETE
OHH? SOUNDS GREAT
I'VE HAD KIND OF A LONELY FEELING LATELY
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
IT'S BECAUSE ECHO'S GONE
...HUH?
BUT ALL ECHO DID WAS CAUSE TROUBLE...
YEAH, BUT SUDDENLY DISAPPEARING AFTER SEEING HER EVERY DAY...
WHAT, WHAT? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ECHO? SHE'S SO CUTE, ISN'T SHE?
SHE HELPED ME OUT BEFORE WHEN I WAS IN A TOUGH SPOT
WE HAVEN'T SEEN HER LATELY, SO DO YOU THINK SHE'S QUIT BEING A HERO? HOW SAD
NO, I SAW ECHO AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE IN FRONT OF THE STATION
SHE WAS ASSISTING IN THE BATTLE BETWEEN ODEN RIDER AND CONVENIENCE NIKUMAN NIKUIRED!
I GET IT, SO SHE JUST CHANGED THE LOCATION OF HER ACTIVITIES
And what's your hero is that?

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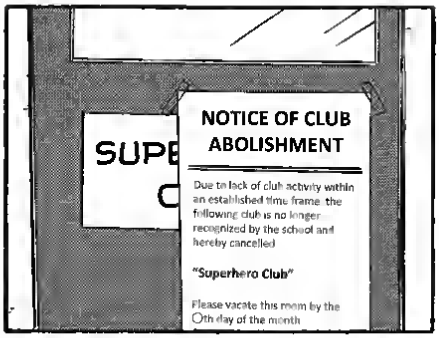
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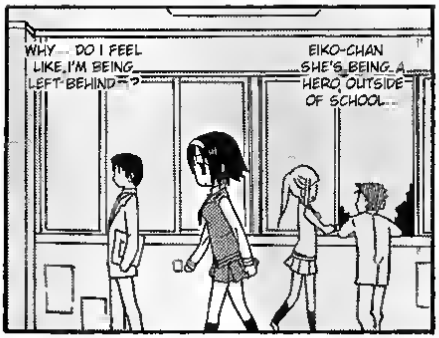
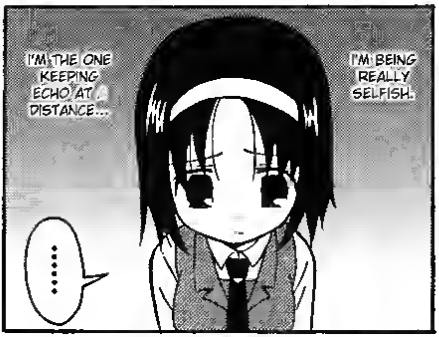
NOTICE OF CLUB ABOLISHMENT
Due to lack of club activity within an established time frame, the following club is no longer recognized by the school and hereby cancelled
"Superhero Club"
Please vacate this room by the Oth day of the month


WHY... DO I FEEL LIKE, I'M BEING LEFT BEHIND...?
EIKO-CHAN SHE'S BEING A HERO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...

STAFF
NO WAY...
WELL, EVEN IF YOU ASK THAT


I'M THE ONE KEEPING ECHO AT A DISTANCE...
I'M BEING REALLY SELFISH.
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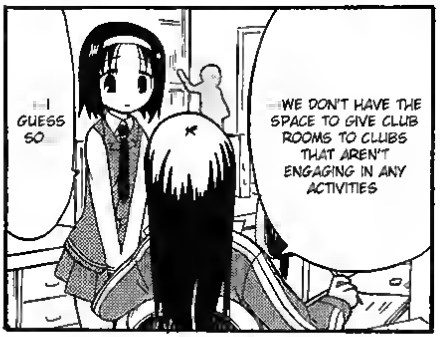
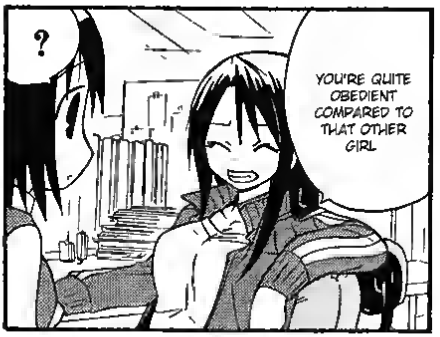
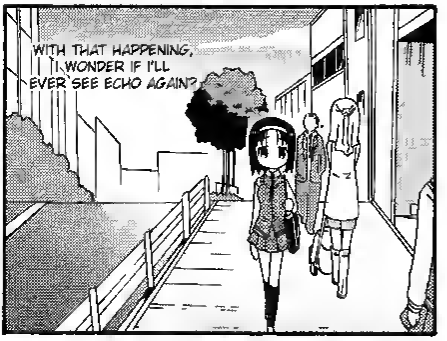
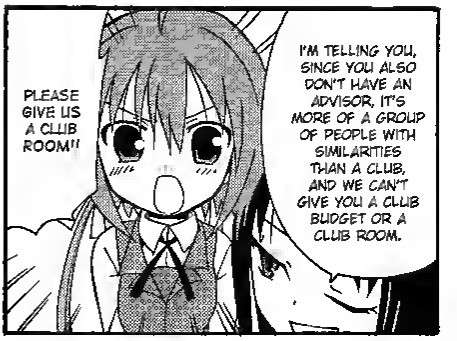
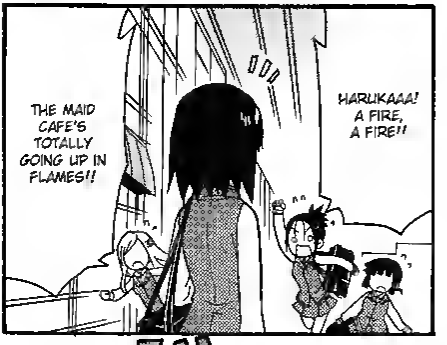

I GUESS SO
WE DON'T HAVE THE SPACE TO GIVE CLUB ROOMS TO CLUBS THAT AREN'T ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITIES

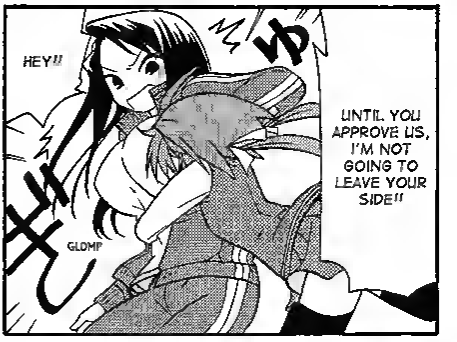
G-GUESS I CAN'T HELP IT. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT I'LL GO VISIT THE CLUB ROOM.
HUH? I ENDED UP WALKING ALL THE WAY TO THE CLUB WING


?
YOU'RE QUITE OBEDIENT COMPARED TO THAT OTHER GIRL

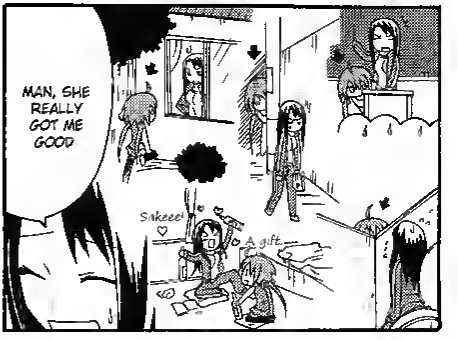

WITH THAT HAPPENING, I WONDER IF I'LL EVER SEE ECHO AGAIN?

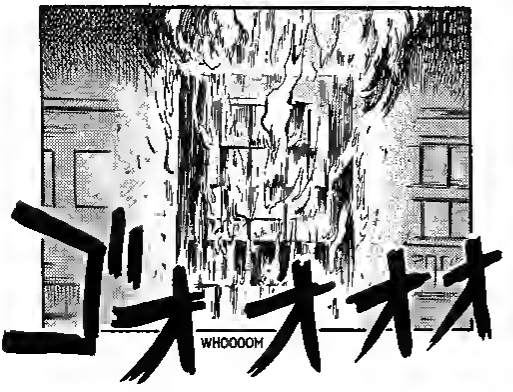

PLEASE GIVE US A CLUB ROOM!!
I'M TELLING YOU, SINCE YOU ALSO DON'T HAVE AN ADVISOR, IT'S MORE OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH SIMILARITIES THAN A CLUB, AND WE CAN'T GIVE YOU A CLUB BUDGET OR A CLUB ROOM.


THE MAID CAFE'S TOTALLY GOING UP IN FLAMES!!
HARUKAAA! A FIRE, A FIRE!!


HEY!!
GLOMP
UNTIL YOU APPROVE US, I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOUR SIDE!!

EH?
GRAB
WAI-!
LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK!


MAN, SHE REALLY GOT ME GOOD
Sakeee!
A gift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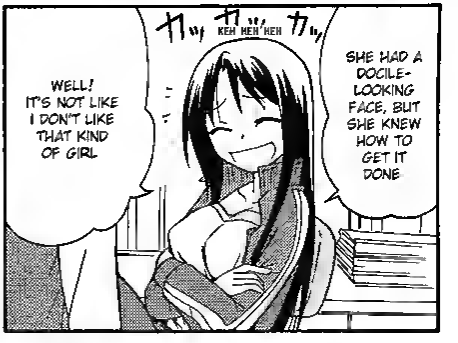
WHOOOOM


KEH HEH HEH
WELL! IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF GIRL
SHE HAD A DOCILE-LOOKING FACE, BUT SHE KNEW HOW TO GET IT DONE

ECHO!!

WHERE'S THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?! THE AMBULANCE ISN'T HERE YET?!
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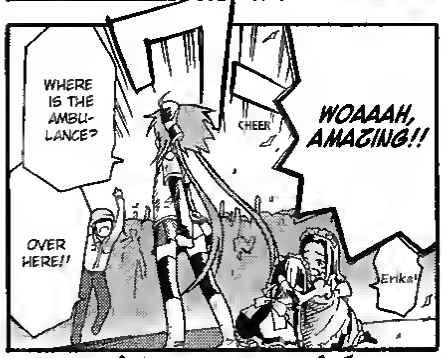
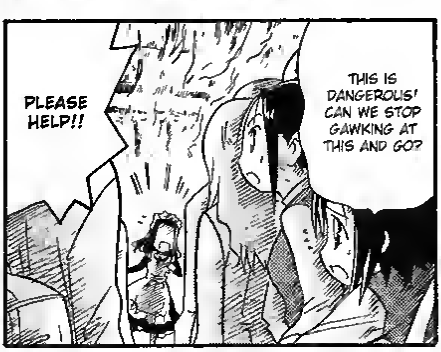
MURMUR MURMUR
STAY BACK!! YOU MIGHT GET HIT BY FALLING GLASS!!


WHERE IS THE AMBU-LANCE?
CHEER
WOAAAH, AMAZING!!
OVER HERE!!
Erika!


PLEASE HELP!!
THIS IS DANGEROUS! CAN WE STOP GAWKING AT THIS AND GO?

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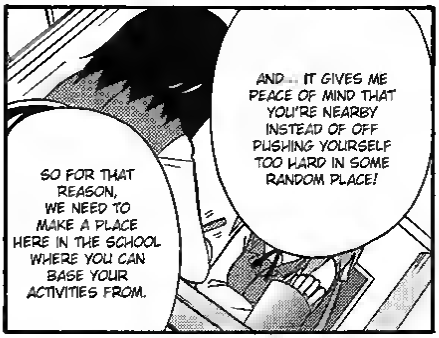
UPROAR
AMAZING AMAZING AMAZING!! SHE RESCUED SOMEONE FROM THE MIDDLE OF THAT BLAZE!!
ECHO IS SO AWESOME! THAT'S WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM A HERO!!
UPROAR
おおおお

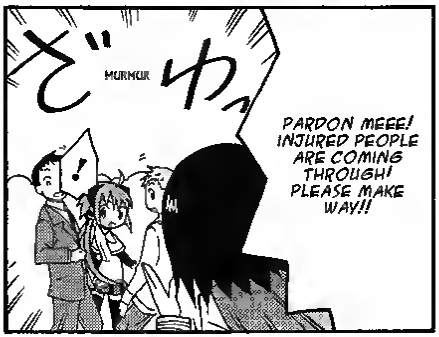
A HERO...
SQUEEZE

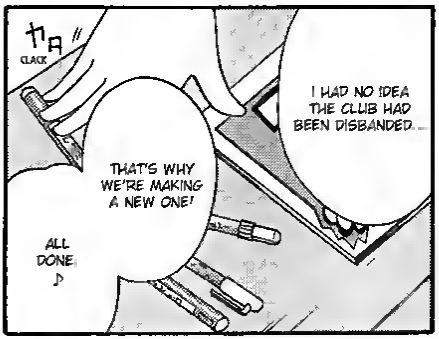
ドゴォン
A GIRL RAN INSIDE TO HELP MY CO-WORKERS THAT COULDN'T ESCAPE!!
GIVE UP ON—
THBOOOM

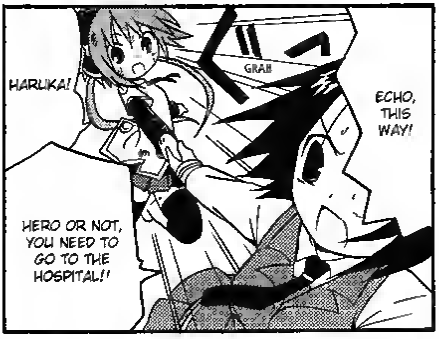
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY, HARUKA?
YES
I WANT TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO ECHO

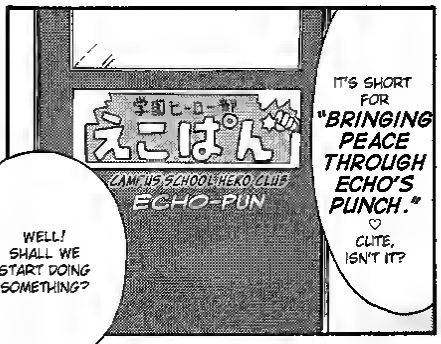
CROAR
COUGH
NO, I WAS JUST PASSING THROUGH.
COUGH
YOU'RE INCREDIBLE !!
YOU'RE A HERO! LET ME SHAKE YOUR HAND!
CROAR


AND... IT GIVES ME PEACE OF MIND THAT YOU'RE NEARBY INSTEAD OF OFF PUSHING YOURSELF TOO HARD IN SOME RANDOM PLACE!
SO FOR THAT REASON, WE NEED TO MAKE A PLACE HERE IN THE SCHOOL WHERE YOU CAN BASE YOUR ACTIVITIES FROM.


MURMUR
PARDON MEEE! INJURED PEOPLE ARE COMING THROUGH! PLEASE MAKE WAY!!


CLACK
I HAD NO IDEA THE CLUB HAD BEEN DISBANDED...
THAT'S WHY WE'RE MAKING A NEW ONE!
ALL DONE. ♪


GRAB
HARUKA!
ECHO, THIS WAY!
HERO OR NOT, YOU NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL!!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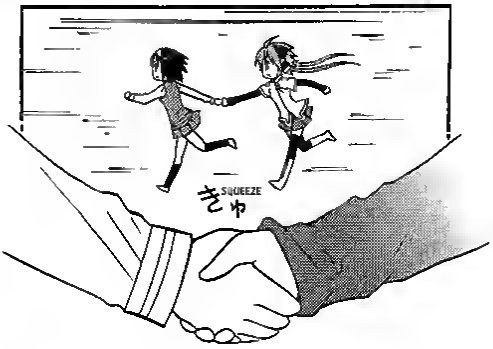
CAMPUS SCHOOL HERO CLUB
ECHO-PUN
IT'S SHORT FOR "BRINGING PEACE THROUGH ECHO'S PUNCH." ♡
CUTE, ISN'T IT?
WELL! SHALL WE START DOING SOMETHING?


SQUEEZE

# Episode:11

...A NEW COSTUME FOR ECHO!!
FIRST IS...
BAM
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I WANT TO MAKE THE "ECHO-PUN" CLUB A MUCH MORE PROPER CLUB THAN THE LAST ONE
ACTIVITIES HAVE BEGUN FOR THE "ECHO-PUN" CLUB
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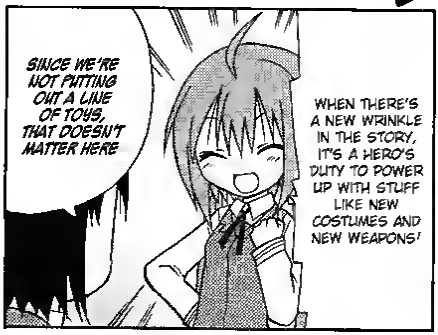
ECHO-PUN


SINCE WE'RE NOT PUTTING OUT A LINE OF TOYS, THAT DOESN'T MATTER HERE
WHEN THERE'S A NEW WRINKLE IN THE STORY, IT'S A HERO'S DUTY TO POWER UP WITH STUFF LIKE NEW COSTUMES AND NEW WEAPONS!

TO DO THAT, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS WE HAVE TO DECIDE, OKAY?
LET'S MAKE IT AN OFFICIAL CLUB!!
Club Activity Regulations
BOOOOOM
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NO!!
OKAY, THEN WE'LL MAKE ONE LIKE USUAL AND—
!?
NOTHING... IT'S JUST LIKE YOU'RE A DIFFERENT PERSON, HARUKA...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SENPAI?
YOU CAN'T JUST DECIDE BY YOURSELF WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO LIKE YOU DID BEFORE!
"ECHO-PUN" IS GOING TO BE A HERO TEAM!
...TO BE HEROES TOGETHER WITH EIKO-CHAN...
I THINK I'M MORE RESIGNED THAN I WAS BEFORE...
Y-YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'D BE HELPFUL!!
AND IF EVERYBODY PITCHES IN AND SHARES THE COST FOR THE COSTUMES, IT'LL BE CHEAPER FOR YOU, RIGHT?!
BA-DUMP
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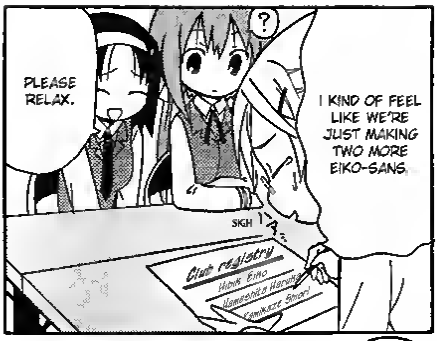
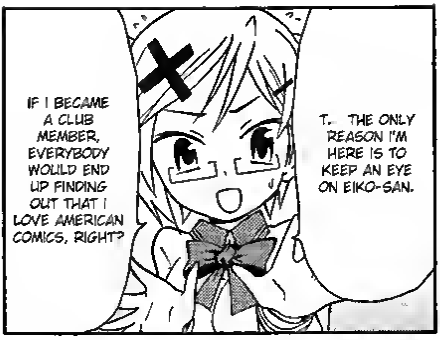
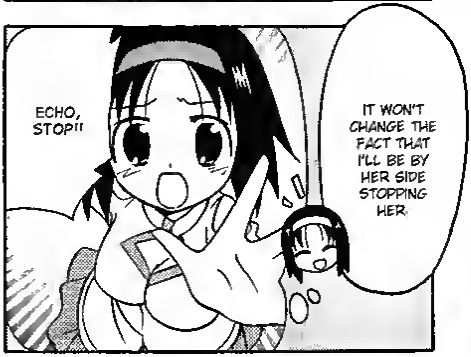
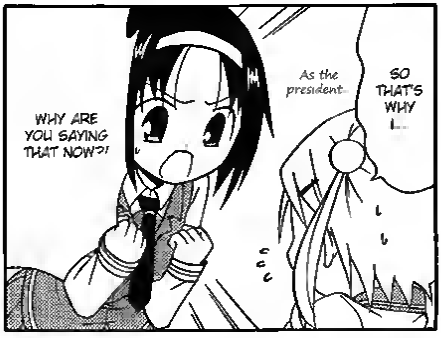
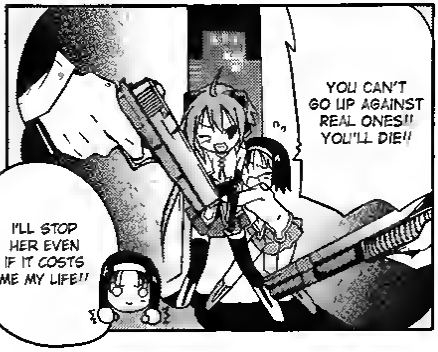
...AND ALSO TO TURN NON-MEMBERS THAT LOUNGE AROUND ALL DAY IN OUR CLUBROOM INTO OFFICIAL CLUB MEMBERS!
SHRIEK
MY COS-TUME!!
BUT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE A BUDGET RIGHT NOW, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH EMBROIDERING FOR NOW.

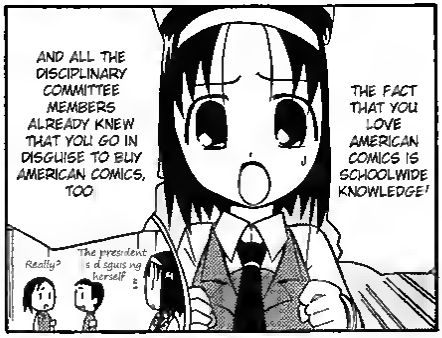

PLEASE RELAX.
?
I KIND OF FEEL LIKE WE'RE JUST MAKING TWO MORE EIKO-SANS.
SKH
Club registry
Hime Eiko
Homeroom Harumi
Komikaze Shuri


T... THE ONLY REASON I'M HERE IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON EIKO-SAN.
IF I BECAME A CLUB MEMBER, EVERYBODY WOULD END UP FINDING OUT THAT I LOVE AMERICAN COMICS, RIGHT?

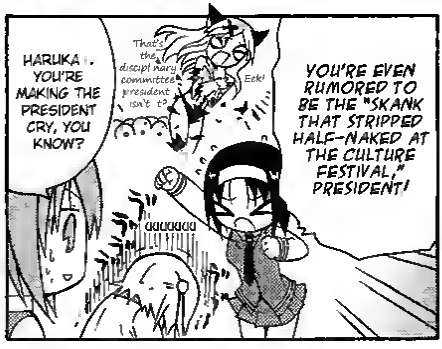

ECHO, STOP!!
IT WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I'LL BE BY HER SIDE STOPPING HER.


WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT NOW?!
As the president...
SO THAT'S WHY I...

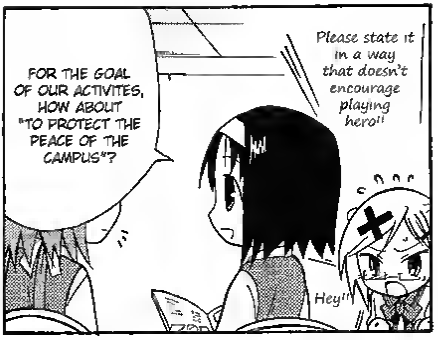

YOU CAN'T GO UP AGAINST REAL ONES!! YOU'LL DIE!!
I'LL STOP HER EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!!

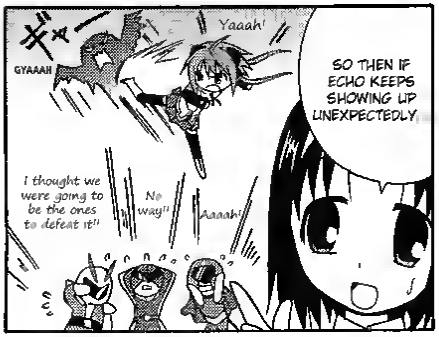

AND ALL THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALREADY KNEW THAT YOU GO IN DISGUISE TO BUY AMERICAN COMICS, TOO.
THE FACT THAT YOU LOVE AMERICAN COMICS IS SCHOOLWIDE KNOWLEDGE!
Really?
The president is disguising herself

PLEASE STOP HER BEFORE IT GETS TO THAT STAGE!!
OKAY, SO NEXT WE NEED TO DECIDE ON THE GOAL OF OUR ACTIVITIES...

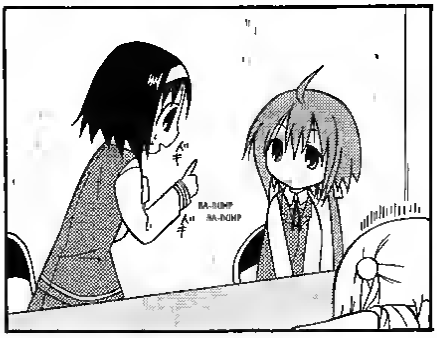

HARUKA!. YOU'RE MAKING THE PRESIDENT CRY, YOU KNOW?
That's the disciplinary committee president isn't it?
Eek!
YOU'RE EVEN RUMORED TO BE THE "SKANK THAT STRIPPED HALF-NAKED AT THE CULTURE FESTIVAL," PRESIDENT!

WELL, YEAH? THERE ARE MANY FINE HEROES OUT THERE
YOU KNOW... YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY HERO IN THE WHOLE WORLD, ECHO


FOR THE GOAL OF OUR ACTIVITES, HOW ABOUT "TO PROTECT THE PEACE OF THE CAMPUS"?
Please state it in a way that doesn't encourage playing hero!!
Hey!!


GYAAAH
Yaaah!
SO THEN IF ECHO KEEPS SHOWING UP UNEXPECTEDLY
I thought we were going to be the ones to defeat it!!
No way!!
Aaaah!

W WELL ..
BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SEEM AS DANGEROUS THAT WAY...
But I can't say it
WHY LIMIT IT TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS?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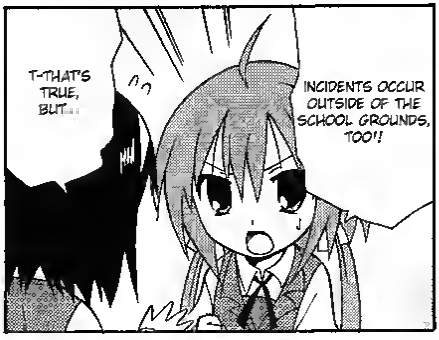
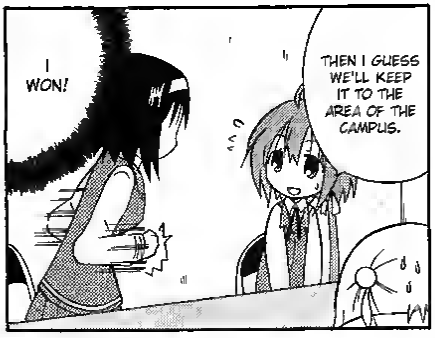
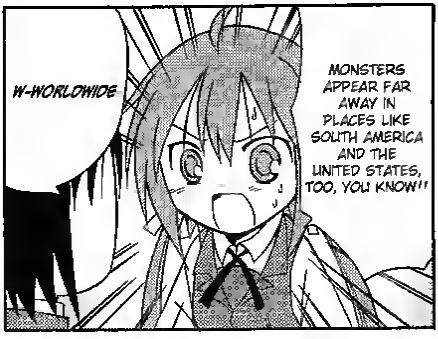

T-THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
INCIDENTS OCCUR OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, TOO!


I WON!
THEN I GUESS WE'LL KEEP IT TO THE AREA OF THE CAMPUS.


W-WORLDWIDE
MONSTERS APPEAR FAR AWAY IN PLACES LIKE SOUTH AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES, TOO, YOU KNOW!!

FLARE
LEAVE FINDING THE FOURTH CLUB MEMBER TO ME AND MY SPECIAL ABILITY, "ECHO EYE"!!
WITH THIS ABILITY, I CAN SEARCH FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CARRIES THE SPIRIT OF A HERO!
✓ Clearly define the goal of your activities
• Have a teacher as a club advisor
• Have 4+ members
I'VE ALREADY ASKED MIZUKI-SENSEI TO BE THE CLUB ADVISOR
TO BE RECOGNIZED AS AN OFFICIAL CLUB, THESE ARE THE CONDITIONS LEFT TO FULFILL.
SINCE SHE'S THE TEACHER THAT LAUGHED OFF EIKO-CHAN'S STALKING OF HER, I THINK SHE'LL ACCEPT THE POSITION.
WHOOSH
IN THIS DIRECTION!!
SLIDE
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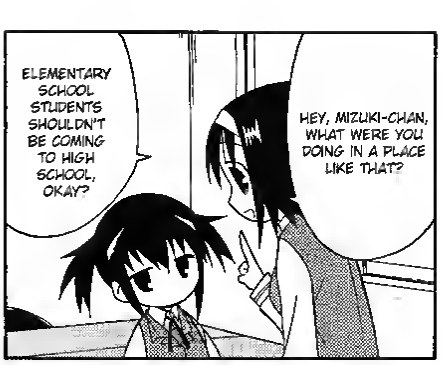
WHY DOESN'T SHE SHOW ANY INTEREST IN ANYTHING BESIDES BEING A HERO...?
AHH!! THAT TRACKSUIT TEACHER!!


HEY, MIZUKI-CHAN, WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULDN'T BE COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL, OKAY?

FUKAYA MIZUKI.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
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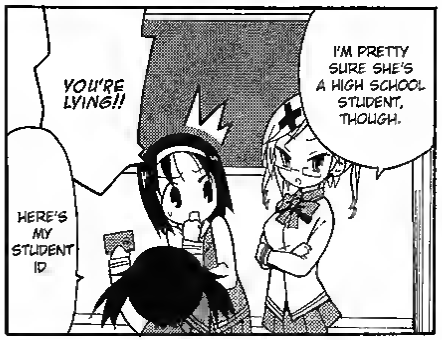
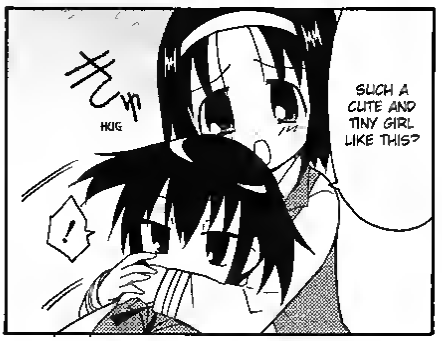

I'M PRETTY SURE SHE'S A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, THOUGH.
YOU'RE LYING!!
HERE'S MY STUDENT ID


SUCH A CUTE AND TINY GIRL LIKE THIS?
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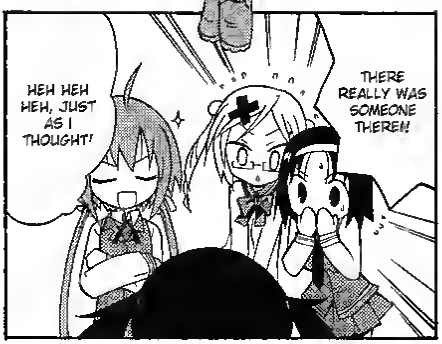
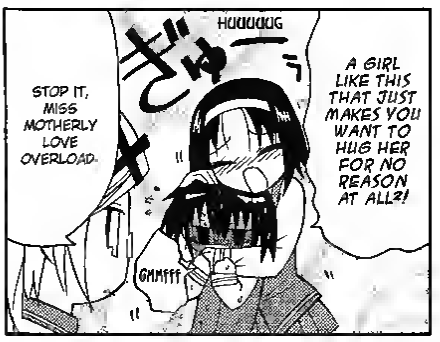

HEH HEH HEH, JUST AS I THOUGHT!
THERE REALLY WAS SOMEONE THERE!!


A GIRL LIKE THIS THAT JUST MAKES YOU WANT TO HUG HER FOR NO REASON AT ALL?!
HUUUUUG
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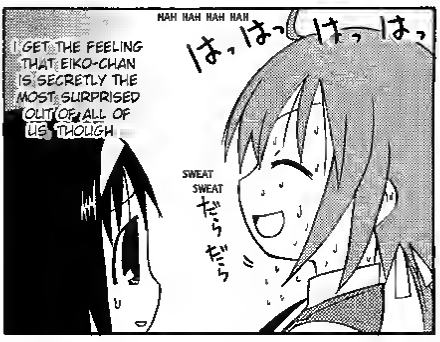
STOP IT, MISS MOTHERLY LOVE OVERLOAD.
GHMFFF


I GET THE FEELING THAT EIKO-CHAN IS SECRETLY THE MOST SURPRISED OUT OF ALL OF US, THOUGH.
HAH HAH HAH HAH
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SWEAT SWEAT
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...FOURTH MEMBER AND COMRADE
I WILL BECOME YOUR...
OHH, SO YOU'RE A FAN OF LOCAL HEROES
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Y... YOU CAN'T
AS I'D EXPECT FROM THE PERSON THAT THE ECHO EYE PICKED!
NOD
BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO CONCEAL YOURSELF IN SUCH A PLACE...
SO YOU WERE IN THERE SO YOU COULD SEE ECHO?
I'LL BE FINE
WE CAN'T LET SUCH A LITTLE GIRL GET INVOLVED IN ANYTHING DANGEROUS
I'VE GOT NO INTEREST IN THE BELONGINGS OF MY USELESS COMRADES
YOU DIDN'T COME TO STEAL THINGS OUT OF THE CLUBROOM, RIGHT?!
AHH... REALLY
SINCE MY BODY IS SO SMALL, MY SPECIAL SKILL IS USING A HUMAN SHIELD
DART
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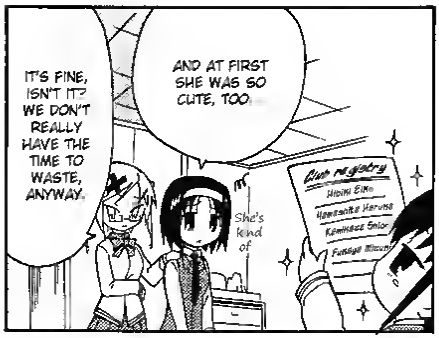
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT? WE DON'T REALLY HAVE THE TIME TO WASTE, ANYWAY.
AND AT FIRST SHE WAS SO CUTE, TOO.
Club registry
She's kind of

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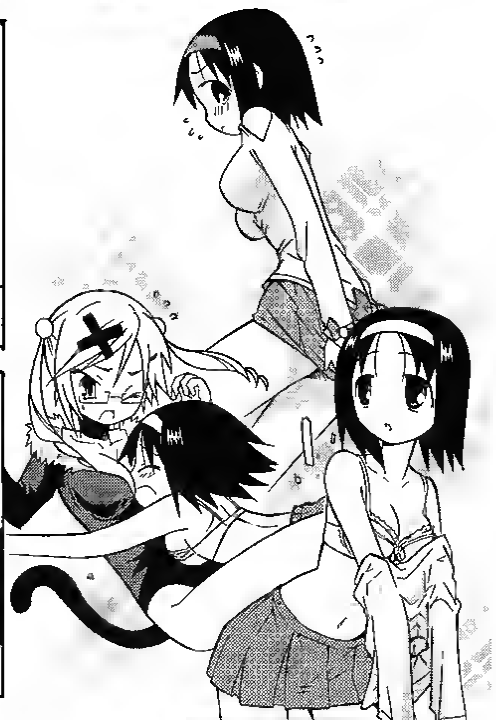
BUT IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT, THAT WON'T MEAN A THING

THAT'S RIGHT... I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU.
EVEN EIKO-SAN, WHO DOESN'T WANT TO REVEAL HER TRUE PERSONALITY, IS LETTING HER GUARD DOWN.



WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S TO BRING US CLOSER TOGETHER

THOSE ARE FOR YOU TWO
IT'S A CAKE! ♪
CHOCOLATE BAR

I'M SORRY! I WON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD!
THESE PHOTOS... WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DISTRIBUTE THEM?

# Episode:12

FROM NOW ON, OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES WILL BE BRIMMING WITH ENTHUSIASM!!
WE ALSO GOT A NEW CLUB MEMBER IN MIZUKI-CHAN

Club Activity Recognition
THE ECHO-PUN CLUB WAS RECOGNIZED AS AN OFFICIAL CLUB.

EXHAUSTED
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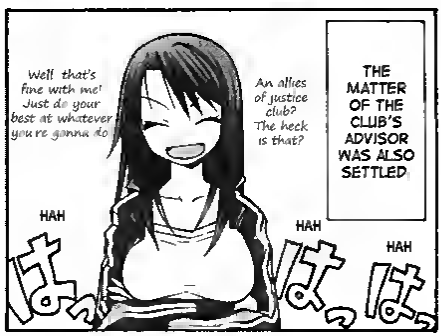
BURNOUT SYNDROME?!
YEAHHHH...
SIGH
This sucks


Well that's fine with me! Just do your best at whatever you're gonna do
An allies of justice club? The heck is that?
THE MATTER OF THE CLUB'S ADVISOR WAS ALSO SETTLED
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HAH
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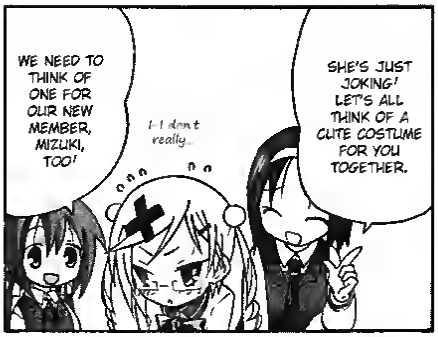
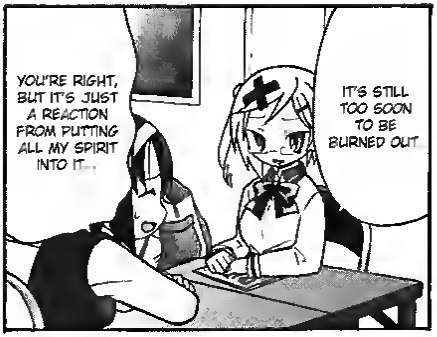
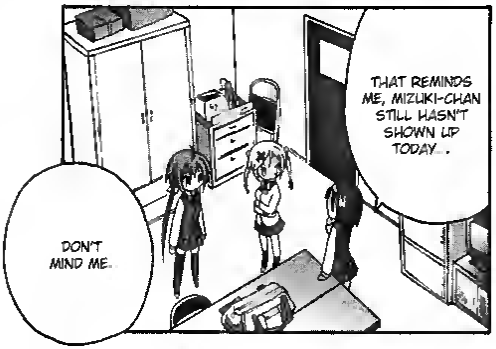
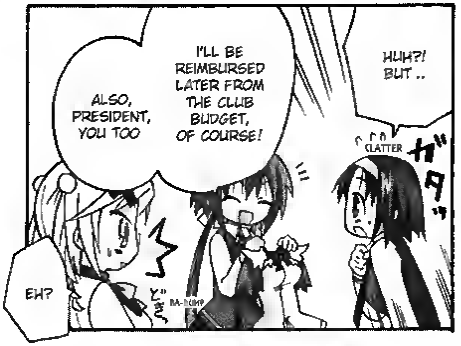
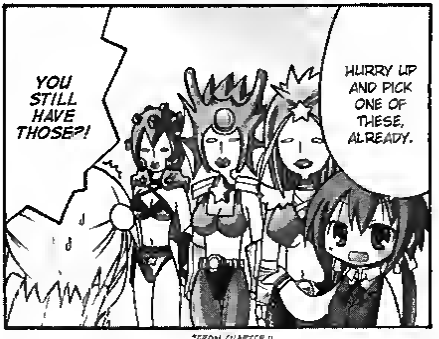
HAH


WE NEED TO THINK OF ONE FOR OUR NEW MEMBER, MIZUKI, TOO!
I-I don't really...
SHE'S JUST JOKING! LET'S ALL THINK OF A CUTE COSTUME FOR YOU TOGETHER.





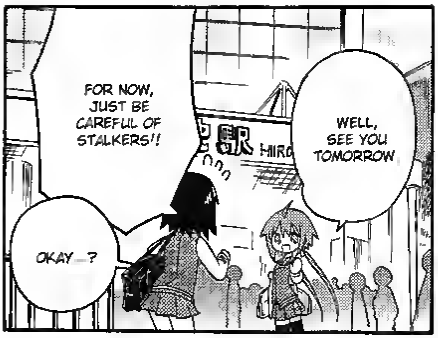



*FROM CHAPTER 4

I MADE IT RIGHT AWAY SO THAT WE COULD FIGHT TOGETHER
BLACK.
I MADE MY OWN COSTUME
WHAT ARE YOU DOING INSIDE A BAG...?
ARE YOU OKAY?!
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
I SEE... BUT IT'S NOT SIMILAR IN DESIGN TO ECHO'S COMRADES
HEH HEH HEH
IT WAS CHEAP, BUT IT HAS THE SOUL OF A LOCAL HERO...
BLACK'S SPECIAL SKILL IS INSTANT MOVEMENT
NOD NOD
WILL YOU LET ME REMAKE IT FOR YOU?
WHOOSH
WITH THIS POWER, I CAN MOVE BETWEEN DARK SPACES.
THIS TIME I JUST ACCIDENTALLY ENDED UP INSIDE THE BAG.
I DIDN'T ASK FOR THE OPINION OF SOME FAKER PRETENDING TO BE ALL INNOCENT.
PLUS I THINK A DIFFERENT COLOR WOULD BE CUTER AN—
I WONDER IF SHE LIKES SURPRISING PEOPLE?
YEAH! THAT'S AWESOME!!
WERE YOU SURPRISED?
SO SHE'S ALSO ONE OF THOSE TYPES OF PEOPLE...
FADE
GIGGLE

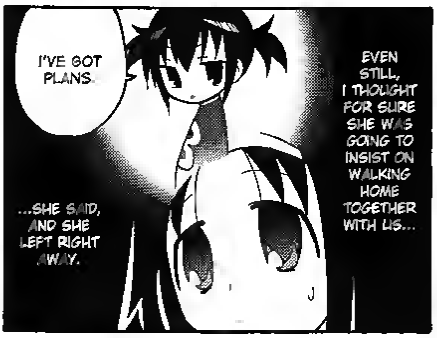
CHILDHOOD FRIEND...
Did I say something weird?
No...
HEY NOW!
AND JUST LIKE ALWAYS, SHE'S GOT A SHARP TONGUE TO EVERYBODY BESIDES EIKO-SAN...
GOOONG
GOOONG
POUT
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S USELESS?
YOU'RE COMRADES, SO YOU NEED TO GET ALONG WITH HER!
uuu!
WHAT?
YANK
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU SEE...
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE CASE BEFORE. BUT I'M GOING TO BE DOING MY BEST FROM NOW ON!
YOU THINK I'D RELINQUISH SUCH A PRECIOUS RELATIONSHIP FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
TAKE THIS IN EXCHANGE FOR LETTING ME BE HER CHILDHOOD FRIEND...
Candy!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO REVEAL THAT YOU HAD SUCH A SAD PERSONAL LIFE...
She's amazing!!
IN MY SIXTEEN YEARS OF LIFE, HARUKA IS THE ONE AND ONLY COMRADE I HAVE LEFT THAT STILL STANDS BY MY SIDE!

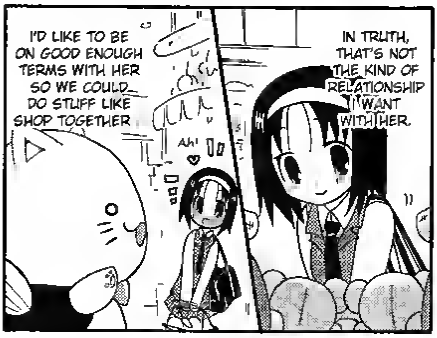
...FOR THESE TWO TO BE SO FULL OF SPIRIT...
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, BUT...
BZZT
BZZT
RUMBLE RUMBLE
POINT
RIVAL!!
HOW ARE WE GOING TO BATTLE? HOW ARE WE DECIDING THE WINNER?
I'M GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS BATTLE, TOO!!
HUH?!
I'LL BE TAKING THOSE!!
THE STATUS OF BEING ECHO'S BEST FRIEND AND HER NUMBER ONE COMRADE..
GLARE
U-UM, WELL? YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE THE JUDGE, EIKO-CHAN SO YOU CAN'T REALLY PARTICIPATE.
THE ONE WHO'S MOST USEFUL TO HER WINS...?
DUEL!
AND I WON'T BE GIVING THEM UP EASILY!!
BLAZE
I WONDER IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET BY WITH MEMBERS LIKE THIS...
SHOOOOM
DON'T EXCLUDE ME!! I'M FIRED UP, TOO!
KYAHAHAHGH!!
That's not what I mean!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
AND SO THEY'VE DECIDED TO COMPLETELY IGNORE ME
IT'S NICE THAT I CAN JUST TAKE IT EASY, THOUGH


FOR NOW, JUST BE CAREFUL OF STALKERS!!
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW
OKAY...?

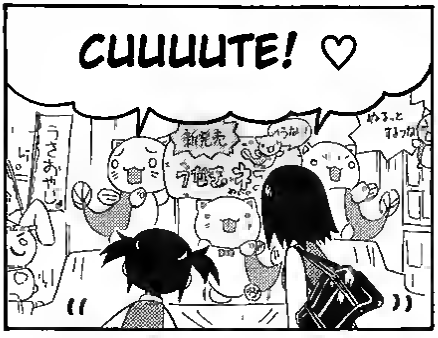
WOW...
I WAS FIRED UP! FIRED UP!
AHAHA...
I WAS, TOO AT THE BEGINNING, IT WAS LIKE THE FACT THAT I WAS BURNED OUT WAS A LIE

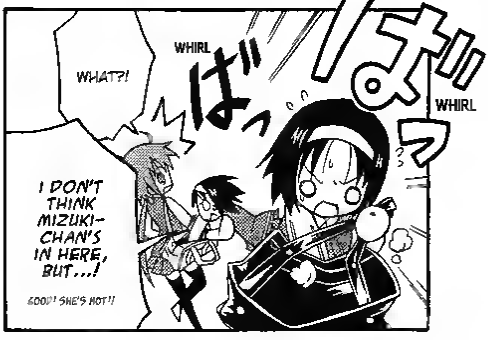
MAYBE I'LL DO A LITTLE SHOPPING BEFORE I GO HOME
RIVALS WITH MIZUKI-CHAN, HUH...?


EVEN STILL, I THOUGHT FOR SURE SHE WAS GOING TO INSIST ON WALKING HOME TOGETHER WITH US...
I'VE GOT PLANS.
...SHE SAID, AND SHE LEFT RIGHT AWAY.


I'D LIKE TO BE ON GOOD ENOUGH TERMS WITH HER SO WE COULD... DO STUFF LIKE SHOP TOGETHER
IN TRUTH, THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP I WANT WITH HER.
Ah!

I WONDER WHAT HER PLANS ARE...?
GASP


CUUUUTE! ♡


WHIRL
WHIRL
WHAT?!
I DON'T THINK MIZUKI-CHAN'S IN HERE, BUT...!
GOOD! SHE'S NOT!!

LIKE I SAID, YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA...
I THINK WE MAY BE ABLE TO GET ALONG, AFTER ALL
!!
...WHEN THE MAID CAFE BURNED DOWN...
BY THE WAY, IS YOUR OLDER SISTER REALLY HOSPITALIZED?
IT WASN'T!
Cuuute! ♡ you said! ♡
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE! THIS WAS YOUR PLAN?
UMM...
RECOIL
COULD SHE BE THE ONE THAT ECHO SAVED...?
...THAT DAY WAS THE FIRST TIME
THEY'RE PRESENTS FOR WHEN I GO TO SEE MY OLDER SISTER WHO'S IN THE HOSPITAL.
PILED もっさり
PILED もさぁ
...THAT I LEARNED OF A POWERFUL HERO
THAT'S WHY I BECAME HER COMRADE
OKAY, I GET IT
I CAN'T HELP IT!!
IF SHE'S NOT SURROUNDED BY STUFFED ANIMALS, SHE SAYS SHE'S LONELY, SO I CAN'T HELP IT!

I'LL STOP BEING A HERO!!
HARUKA!
THE NEXT DAY
……
HUH?! WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!
Don't push yourself!!
JUST LIKE I SAID BEFORE, IF YOU HATE IT, HARUKA, THEN IT'S OKAY. I'LL…
I SEE. I'M IN THE SAME BOAT.
UP UNTIL THAT DAY, I ALWAYS THOUGHT THINGS LIKE "I HATE HEROES!" AND "HEROES ARE STUPID!"
THIS RECORDING.
I HATE HEROES…
…HEROES ARE STUPID.
I HATE…
ミヅリ GRIN
I FELT LIKE I WANTED TO BECOME A TRUE COMRADE OF HERS!
SEEING ECHO ON THAT DAY REFORMED MY THINKING.
DON'T BELIEVE HER, EIKO-CHAN!
YESTERDAY, I FORTUITOUSLY RECORDED HARUKA'S TRUE FEELINGS.
I WAS JUST AN IDIOT TO HAVE FORGIVEN MIZUKI-CHAN!!
I SEE…
SO SHE REALLY DOES
WAAAAGH
I THINK WE REALLY WILL BE ABLE TO GET ALONG.
…HMPH
But, I'm not giving up my position as her best friend!

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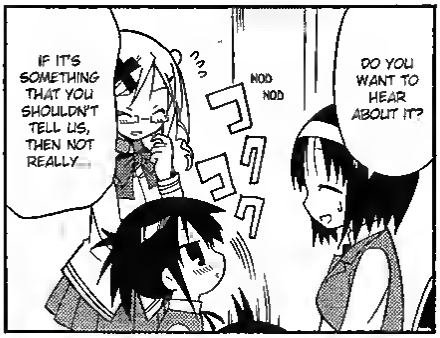
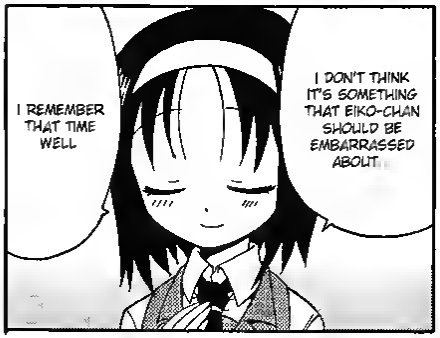
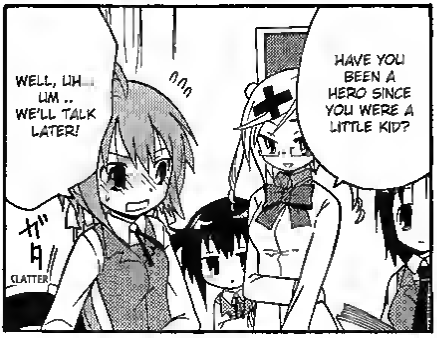
SHE FELL DOWN!
STIKK
IN KINDERGARTEN WITH EVERYONE
AT THE KINDERGARTEN POOL
MY, HOW CUTE! ♡
MOVING UP SOON TO SENIOR CLASSES
BA DUMP
I DO HOPE THAT YOU'RE NOT FABRICATING HISTORY.
I FOUND THIS ALBUM WHILE I WAS CLEANING, SO I BROUGHT IT HERE.
THESE ARE PHOTOS FROM WHEN EIKO-CHAN AND I HAD A BUNCH OF FRIENDS

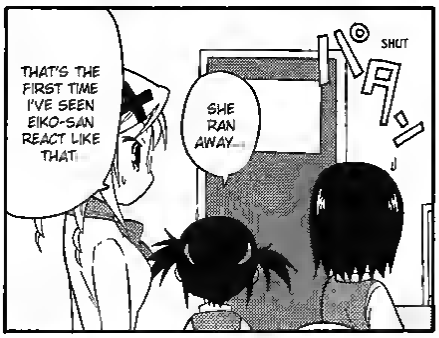

IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU SHOULDN'T TELL US, THEN NOT REALLY...
NOD NOD
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT?

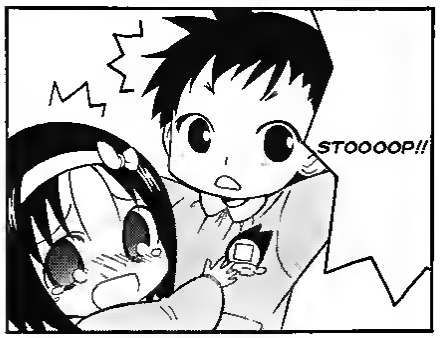
REALLY?
AREN'T THESE OLD PHOTOS A LITTLE EMBARRASSING ...?


I REMEMBER THAT TIME WELL
I DON'T THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT EIKO-CHAN SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT...


WELL, UH... UM.. WE'LL TALK LATER!
CLATTER
HAVE YOU BEEN A HERO SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE KID?

STOP IT! GIVE MII-TAN BACK!
I GOT HARUKA'S STUFFED ANIMAL!
THE FIRST TIME WE MET WAS IN JUNIOR KINDER-GARTEN


THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN EIKO-SAN REACT LIKE THAT
SHE RAN AWAY...
SHUT


STOOOOP!!

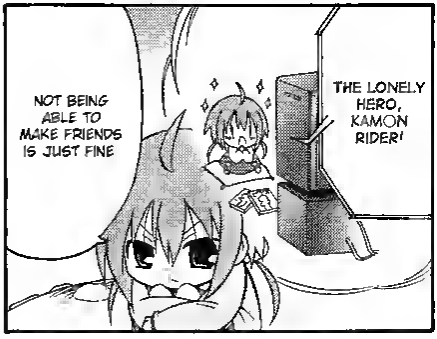
THEY'RE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THEY'RE EXPECTING ME TO REMINISCE ON OLD TIMES!!
GLANCE GLANCE
EXCITED

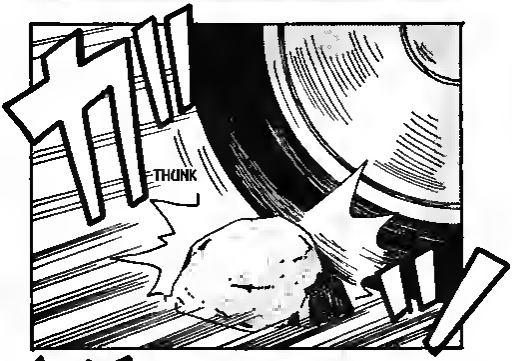
EIKO-CHAN, AGAIN?
YOU CAN'T KEEP HURTING YOUR FRIENDS, OKAY?

THE HERO EIKO WON'T FORGIVE THOSE WHO BULLY THE WEAK!!

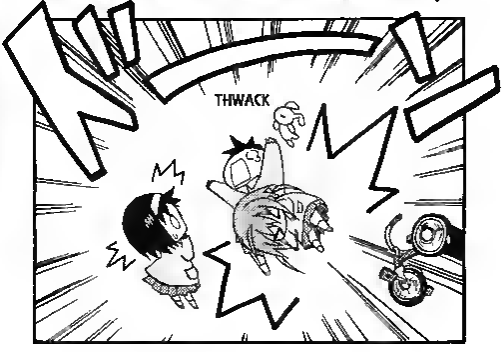
THAT GIRL IS VIOLENT.
SCARY!
LET'S NOT PLAY WITH HER ANY MORE.

WAIT! I'M COMING TO HELP!
キコキコキコキコ
PEDAL PEDAL PEDAL


THE LONELY HERO, KAMON RIDER!
NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE FRIENDS IS JUST FINE

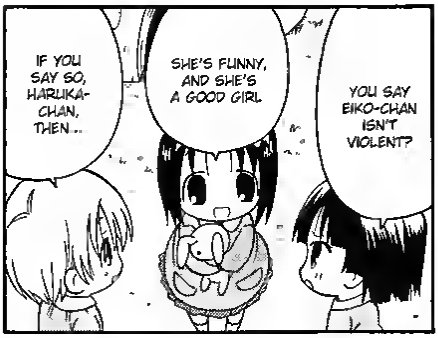

THUNK

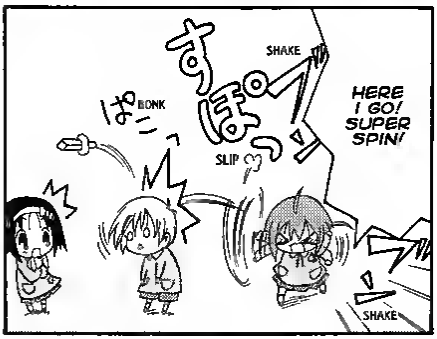
SQUEEZE

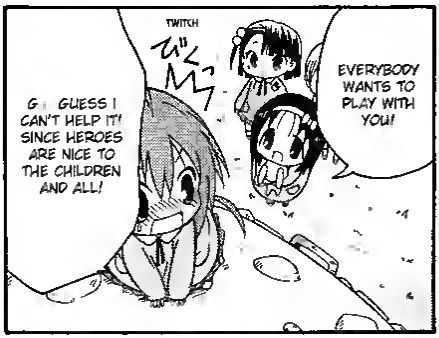

THWACK

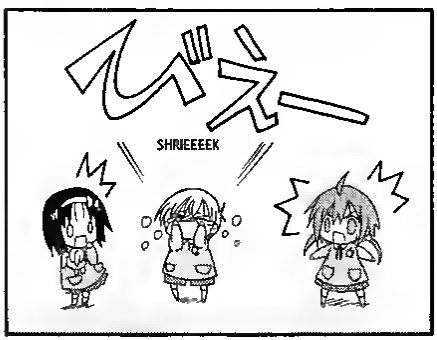
ECHO-CHAN, YOU'RE FIGHTING SOMETHING?
んしょ
HOP
HOP
DON'T GET CLOSE TO ME! YOU'LL GET CAUGHT UP IN A BATTLE AND GET HURT!!
TWITCH
ぴょこ
HOP
SHOCK
IT'S YOU
WHAT'S ECHO?!
ECHO-CHAN!
ぴょこ
HOP
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME EARLIER
ぴょこ
HOP
BUT IT'S COOL LIKE A HERO, THOUGH
YOU CAN'T SUDDENLY USE A NICKNAME THE FIRST TIME YOU MEET SO-
I'M EIKO!!
SHINE
LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!
BLUSH
AH BUT, NOT MANY HEROES USE THEIR REAL NAME
DON'T MAKE FUN OF MY REAL NAME!!
BUT WELL IT'S COOLER THAN EIKO
IT'S COOL, YOU SAY?!
Echo chan you're funny
FLAIL
FLAIL
IT'S MII-TAN.
IS THAT RABBIT A MONSTER?! IT TALKED!!
I SEE! SO THIS STRANGE LIVING CREATURE IS YOUR ALLY!!

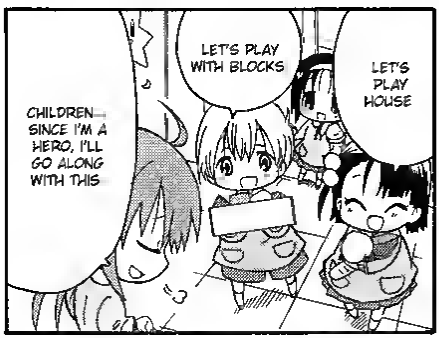
I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU THE HERO'S CERTAIN KILL TECHNIQUE!!
SHAKE SHAKE
OKAY, EVERYONE!
YAY
YAY


IF YOU SAY SO, HARUKA-CHAN, THEN...
SHE'S FUNNY, AND SHE'S A GOOD GIRL
YOU SAY EIKO-CHAN ISN'T VIOLENT?

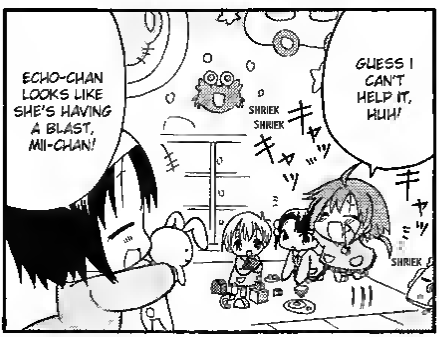

すぽっ
SHAKE
BONK
SLIP
HERE I GO! SUPER SPIN!
SHAKE


TWITCH
G-GUESS I CAN'T HELP IT! SINCE HEROES ARE NICE TO THE CHILDREN AND ALL!
EVERYBODY WANTS TO PLAY WITH YOU!

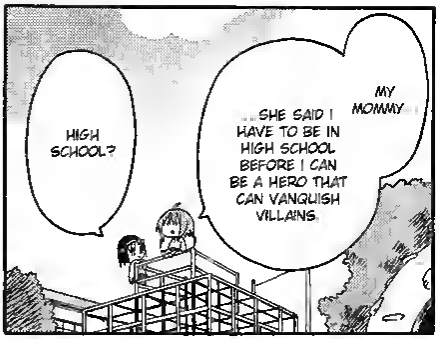

SHRIEEEEK

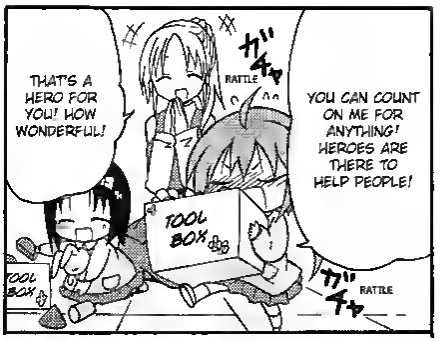

CHILDREN... SINCE I'M A HERO, I'LL GO ALONG WITH THIS
LET'S PLAY WITH BLOCKS
LET'S PLAY HOUSE

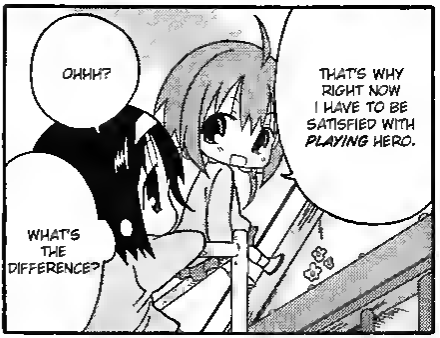
PANIC PANIC
WAIL WAIL
わあああ
WAAAAAH


ECHO-CHAN LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAVING A BLAST, MII-CHAN!
SHRIEK SHRIEK
GUESS I CAN'T HELP IT, HUH!
SHRIEK

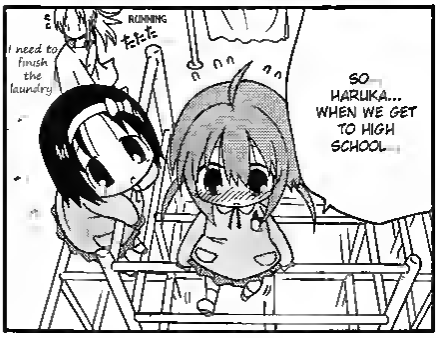
I'M... I'M SORRY?
OKAY! I FORGIVE YOU!
WAAAAAH
WHY! WHY! EIKO IS A HERO, BUT...
...SHE ALWAYS, ALWAYS HURTS EVERYBODY!
Everybody's gonna hate me again!
SEE? IF YOU SAY SORRY, YOU'LL BE FORGIVEN, RIGHT?
I... I WAS SO NERVOUS
See ya later!
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
FAT
SOFTLY
!?
AH! SENSEI! I'LL HELP YOU CLEAN UP
Thank you as always Haruka-chan.
M-ME TOO!!
TEK TEK TEK
DON'T CRY.
YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL, ECHO-CHAN
RUB RUB
WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT! EIKO-CHAN, TOO? THANK YOU! ♡
RUB RUB
!!
Pain, pain, fly away!
You're okay now!
Thank you Haruka-chan. It doesn't hurt any more!


HIGH SCHOOL?
MY MOMMY...
...SHE SAID I HAVE TO BE IN HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE I CAN BE A HERO THAT CAN VANQUISH VILLAINS.

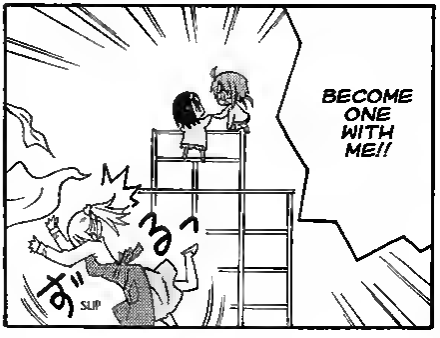

THAT'S A HERO FOR YOU! HOW WONDERFUL!
RATTLE
TOOL BOX
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME FOR ANYTHING! HEROES ARE THERE TO HELP PEOPLE!
RATTLE


OHHH?
THAT'S WHY RIGHT NOW I HAVE TO BE SATISFIED WITH *PLAYING* HERO.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

ECHO? OKAY! THANKS.
IF YOU'VE EVER GOT PROBLEMS, YOU CAN ALWAYS TALK TO ME, THE HERO ECHO!

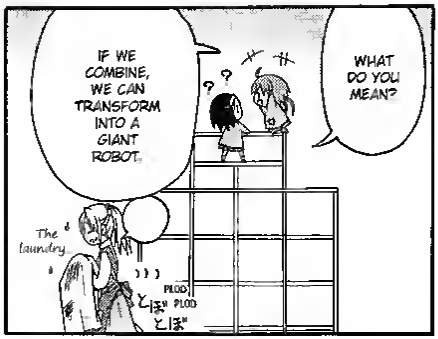

RUNNING
I need to finish the laundry
SO HARUKA... WHEN WE GET TO HIGH SCHOOL...

We don't get candy as a reward very often.
YAY FOR US, ECHO-CHAN!

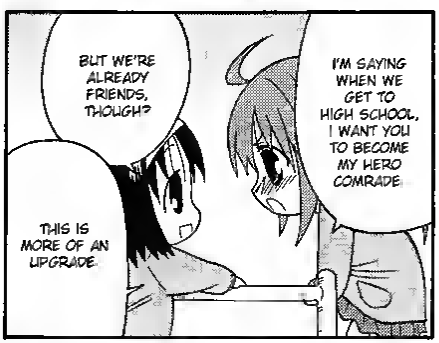

BECOME ONE WITH ME!!
SLIP

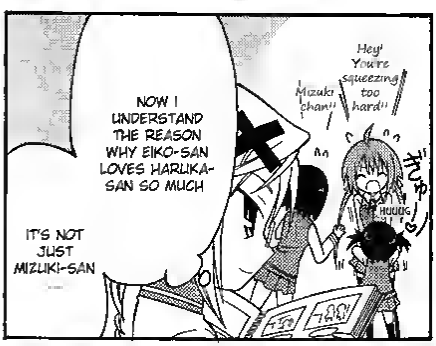
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY, BUT THANK YOU ♡
I'M GIVING MINE TO YOU! I'M GIVING IT AS THANKS! AS THANKS!
Yaaay! ♡

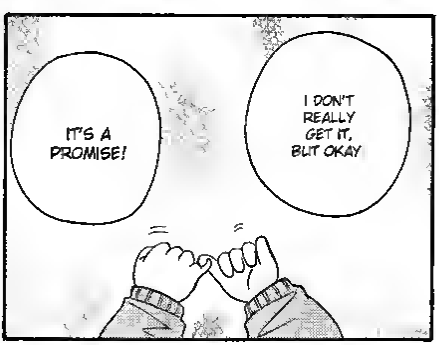
CLATTER
CLICK
I'M BACK ..ARE YOU DONE TALKING?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IF WE COMBINE, WE CAN TRANSFORM INTO A GIANT ROBOT.
The laundry
PLOD PLOD

NOW I'M YOUR COMRADE, TOO..!
GRAB
YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT.


I'M SAYING WHEN WE GET TO HIGH SCHOOL, I WANT YOU TO BECOME MY HERO COMRADE.
BUT WE'RE ALREADY FRIENDS, THOUGH?
THIS IS MORE OF AN UPGRADE.

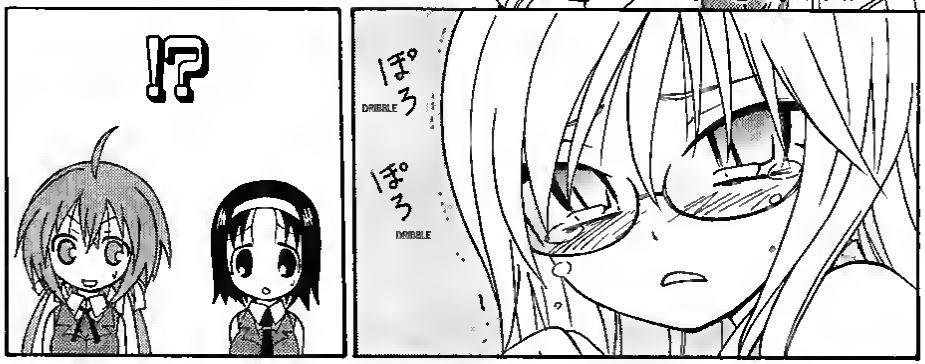

NOW I UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY EIKO-SAN LOVES HARUKA-SAN SO MUCH
IT'S NOT JUST MIZUKI-SAN
Hey! You're squeezing too hard!!
Mizuki-chan!!
HUUUG


I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT OKAY
IT'S A PROMISE!

I'VE BECOME A LITTLE BIT JEALOUS, TOO.
SHE FELL DOWN
STICK

SQUEEEEZE
FROM THAT POINT UP UNTIL THE TIME SHE MOVED, EIKO-CHAN AND I WERE THE BEST OF FRIENDS.
Ow Ow

SENPAI!
YOU CAME IN DISGUISE TO BUY AMERICAN COMICS AGAIN?
HM? THAT'S
HOBBY SHOP
HOBBY SHOP SHIN
LOITER
LOITER
JERK
SPECIAL CHAPTER
THE MELANCHOLY OF SENPAI


!?
DRIBBLE
DRIBBLE

HUH?!
YOU WANT TO BUY AMERICAN COMICS...
...BUT YOU CAN'T GO INTO THE STORE?!

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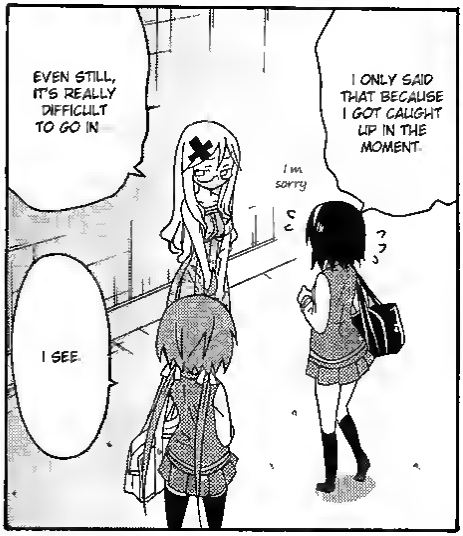

I CAME IN DISGUISE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT I LOVE AMERICAN COMICS
GLOOM
しゃん
BUT I'M GOING TO BE FOUND OUT, AREN'T I...

EH?!
T... THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT! I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT...
NO NEED TO BE SO RESERVED! OFF TO A WESTERN-STYLE CLOTHING STORE! LET'S GO!!
Nooooo!

PERK
TREMBLE
THIS IS...
CHING
TH
TREMBLE
THAT ONE GOT ALL TORN UP, BUT THIS IS ONE WITH THE SAME SORT OF FEELING!
I GET IT! SHE WASN'T RECOGNIZED THAT TIME, RIGHT?
Though there was a rumor or two...
THE ONE FROM THE PLAY?!
Like an American comic character
YOU LOOK REALLY COOL LIKE AN AMERICAN COMIC CHARACTER! IT TOTALLY SUITS YOU!
Suits you
Cool
R REALLY?

HOBBY SHOP
HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE AND GET IN THERE!!
YES!
MURMUR
HI-IIIII, ALL YOU CUSTOMERS! ♡
MEEEEOW
COULD YOU GUYS OVER THERE MOVE FOR ME... MEOW?
MRRROWWW
LIH... YE... YEAH...
SLIDE SLIDE
GO GO AHEAD...
SLIDE

IN ORDER NOT TO BE RECOGNIZED, YOU'LL HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY IN CHARACTER, TOO.
MURMUR
HEH HEH HEH, I'M NOT BEING RECOGNIZED. NOT AT ALL.
MURMUR
Who's that?
Who?
A dominatrix?
MR. MANAGER...
COULD YOU PLEASE BRRRING ME THE NEW AMERICAN COMICS, MEOW?
STOMP
UH... S-SURE, OKAY -- BUT--
ARE YOU OKAY WITH WEARING THAT OUTFIT?

SHIORI-CHAN?
SHIORI-CHAN!!
Shion?
Shion?
FLEE
BLOOOOOSH
カアアア
DOOOOOM
ゴゴゴゴゴ
DOING A GOOD DEED MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD, HUH?
Yeah, it does.
END

# AFTERWORD

HELLO. THIS IS YONEDA KAZUSA
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING!

AT THE BEGINNING, THIS WORK "ECHO-PUN" WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE A ONE-SHOT, SO WHEN IT WAS SERIALIZED, I WAS VERY SURPRISED, AND WHEN IT CONTINUED FOR A YEAR, I THOUGHT "THIS IS NICE," AND WHEN IT BROKE THE TWO-YEAR MARK, I FREAKED THE HELL OUT, AND WHEN THE FIRST VOLUME WAS PUBLISHED AS A BOOK, I FELT LIKE I ASCENDED LIKE SO

AND NOW TO ALL OF YOU WHO READ THIS,
AND TO THE EDITOR WHO SUPPORTED ME,
AND TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED, I THANK YOU!
I'LL CONTINUE TO DO MY BEST!

2009, YONEDA KAZUSA

# THE STORY BEHIND ECHO-PUN

GLINT
XYAHA
THAT STORY WAS TURNED DOWN, BUT SINCE THE CHARACTER DESIGN WAS CUTE, SHE BECAME ECHO, THE MAIN CHARACTER OF "ECHO-PUN."
ECHO'S DESIGN WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR A DIFFERENT STORY, AND SHE WAS THOUGHT UP AS AN ANDROID GIRL...
ESTABLISHED AS PRETENDING TO BE A GOOD GIRL!

...SO THIS HAPPENED EVERY NOW AND THEN DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF SERIALIZATION
I'M SORRY! I MIXED UP HER NEW AND OLD PERSONALITIES AGAIN!!
ECHO'S SAYING THINGS THAT AREN'T VERY ECHO-LIKE IN THIS COMIC
THOUGH THE CHARACTER DESIGN WAS THE SAME, THE PERSONALITY WAS SET TO BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
ACK

...BUT EIKO-CHAN PRETENDING TO BE A GOOD GIRL IS EASIER TO DRAW...
...SORRY, ECHO.
NOW SHE ISN'T THOUGHT OF AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE HERO ECHO...

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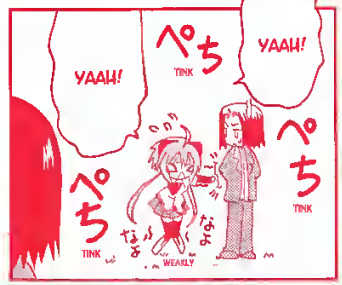
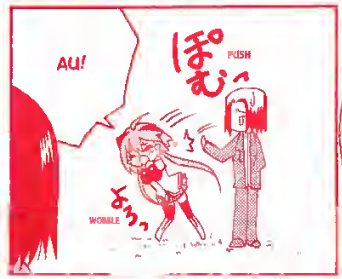
# WHAT IF ECHO STILL PRETENDED TO BE A GOOD GIRL?

EIKO-CHAN AS



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